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Now the cocky Aussies want to take the Ashes home

BY ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

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NOT satisfied with winning their fifth consecutive Ashes cricket series, the Australians want to flaunt their supremacy by taking the famous urn home. Having mumbled and grumbled for years that it permanently in England, they have decided to make the objection

Even as England fought back in the summer's final Test at the Oval yesterday - Philip Tufnell took seven wickets to lift home crowd spirits - the trophy commemorating a game on the ground more than a century ago was being discussed in Melbourne. An Austra-lian Cricket Board meeting passed a unanimous motion to request the Ashes be released from Lord's their home for the past 70 years. A letter is on its way to the MCC. It must be dealt with by the full MCC committee, not scheduled to meet until October 15.

team to pack the urn when they travel home next week but last night Roger Knight, the MCC secretary. ruled that our. He also indicated that the Australians should not raise their hopes, saying it was highly unlikely that prize exhibit would be moved from the MCC museum.

There will be many who feel sympathy for the Australians' case and, having had 17 Ashes Test victories in the past ten years to England's three. Australia are in a mood to press their claim

Many are the legends about the Ashes but no one doubts they can be traced to the Oval Test of August 1882. Australia won by seven runs -England's first home defeat - and a London journalist, Reginald Shir-

Sporting Times, saying: affectionate remembrance of English cricket ... Deeply lamented by a large circle of sorrowing friends and acquaintances. RIP. NB. The body will be cremated and the Ashes

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### New CJD strain threatens thousands

By Michael Hornsey, agriculture correspondent

THE number of cases of CJD could run into thousands. scientists fear, after the disclosure that a woman who has been vegetarian for II years is: suffering from the new strain

If the condition of Clare BSE-intected heef she must have contracted the disease before 1986, the year in which the first case of BSE in cattle was confirmed.

If this proves to be anything like the typical incubation period, it would dash any lingering hopes that the relatively few cases of the disease represent the peak of the epidemic and would not rise

A study published earlier this year in the science journal Nature predicted between 156 and 213 cases with a ten-year incubation period, between 620 and 1,595 for a 15-year period, between 2.179 and 12,000 with a 20-year period and between 7,000 and 88,000 with a 25-year period. Infected cattle take five years on average to develop the disease.

Researchers will now also have to investigate whether meat may be intectious from cattle at an earlier stage of incubation of BSE than previously thought. If that is true many other people might have been infected by eating meat

Another avenue for scien-

tists to explore could be the possibility that milk and cheese might be a source of infection, but most scientists believe Miss Tomkins is most likely to have eaten beef injected with BSE boying spongifiern encephalopathy, before she turned vegetarian.

John Pattison, o medical microbiology at University College, London, who chairs the committee which advises the Government on CJD, said: "It is an unusual case, because of the long history of vegetarianism, but I do not think it destroys our hypothesis that the most probable route for injection with the new strain of CJD is food containing contaminated

Professor John Collinge another member of the committee who heads the specialist CJD research unit at St. Mary's Hospital, London, where Miss Tomkins' condition was diagnosed, said: There is as yet no way of predicting whether Britain. and possibly Europe, will be confronted by, in medical terms, a very limited problem.

or by a major epidemic."

To date there have been only 22 cases of the new strain of CJD, three in 1995, ten in 1996 and nine so far this year, including that of Miss Tomkins.

Vegetarianism and CJD, p 18

Diana, Princess of Wales with Dodi Fayed in St Tropez yesterday during her fourth cruise in five weeks. Page 3

### Father tells of fears

BY RICHARD DUCE

AS Clare Tompkins, 24, lies motionless in the bedroom of the detached house where she played as a child, her father constantly fields calls from journalists trying to establish how she became the latest victim of a new variant of Creutzieldt-Jakob disease.

Roger Tompkins, a company director, has no answers. His daughter, who has been brought home to die, was a vegetarian for 11 years, yet now is stricken with an illness linked to "mad cow" disease. What he does have is the fear that his daughter's awful and rapid descent from a bright and bubbly woman into a near comatose state could



become a reality for others. Throughout an hour-long interview Mr Tompkins presses home his simple message: that parents and the medical pro-fession should both be alerted to symptoms which in his daughter were diagnosed as acute depression for more than six months.

In October last year Miss Tompkins was looking forward to marriage to Andrew, her fiance of three years, and to her work as manager of a pet department at a local garden centre. Her love of animals drove her to give up eating meat when she was 13 and a proportion of her wages was sent monthly by direct debit to an animal charity.

Mr Tompkins, 51, who lives near Tonbridge, Kent, said: Andrew noticed that she was becoming withdrawn and didn't want to go out anymore. Before that she was bubbly with a fantastic sense of

humour." Clare was prescribed antidepressants by her GP and diagnosed as suffering from acute aroxicty. She was forced to stop work when it became clear her treatment was not working. By January this year Mr Tompkins and his wife Dawn, 53, were feeling in-creasingly powerless in help-Continued on page 2, col 5

### Girls' school tops the A-level table

The sixth-formers of Withington School, Man-chester, who had a record score for GCSE two years ago, have repeated their performance to make it the first girls school to top The Times A-level league table. St Paul's Girls' School, London. is second.

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### Philanderer Clark set to convert to Catholicism

BY OUR DIARY STAFF

ALAN CLARK, the Conservative MP, historian and diarist. who admitted that he deserved to be horsewhipped for his adulterous behaviour, is expected to convert to Roman Catholicism.

Mr Clark has been taking instruction from the priest who has brought John Gummer and Ann Widdecombe, his fellow Conservative politicians, into the fold and is expected to be received into the

Church shortly. Father Michael Seed. ecumenical adviser to the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Basil Hume, and an unofficial chaplain to Parliament, has been seeing Mr

Clark for some time. "He makes no secret of our meetings and our friendship. but whether he will or won't convert I cannot say. As a priest, i couldn't say any more

than that," Father Seed said. However, a senior member of the Church said this week that Mr Clark was on the brink of "coming over". He said: "We almost have him."

Mr Clark's conversion would be the latest of a string of high-profile defections from the Anglican faith the like of which has not been seen since Evelyn Waugh and other literary glitterati beat a path to Rome in the 1930s and 1940s.

Father Seed had similar long sessions with John Gummer, the former Cabinet minister, and Ann Widdecombe. the former Prisons Minister. to help them to make the leap.

The Duchess of Kent and Frances Shand Kydd, the mother of Diana, Princess of Wales, have also become Roman Catholics. Father Seed. 40. is a mem-

the Atonement who was born into an evangelical Protestant family in Manchester but became a Catholic at the age of 17 after several years as a Baptist.

He has officiated at the wedding of a cousin of the Duke of Norfolk and written a book recording the views on the afterlife of 100 personalities, including Sir John Giel-gud and the Dalai Lama. He also puts in long hours talking to less eminent figures and hearing confessions and celebrating Mass at Westminster

It is not known whether he will be on the scene when Mr Clark kneels for the first time to make his confession. The MP himself is believed to be putting the finishing touches to his history of the Conservative Party and was unavailber of the Franciscan Friars of able to comment yesterday.

### Left-wing anger as Saatchi gets millennium role

By Andrew Pierce and James Landale

PETER MANDELSON faced a left-wing backlash last night after it emerged that M&C Saatchi, the Tories favourite advertising agency, has been awarded the £16 million advertising contract for the Greenwich dome. The Government's difficul-

ties over the £250 million project deepened as it emerged that the German company sacked from the 66 million contract to construct the skin of the dome is seeking damages of more than £2 million. The decision by the New

Millennium Experience Com-pany to give the prestigious contract to M&C Saatchi has also caused disquiet in the advertising industry. Two of the company's senior partners were key advisers on the millennium celebrations.

But it was the idea of appointing M&C Saatchi, which created "New Labour, New Danger", ridiculed Tony Blair as Helmut Kohl's pupper and ran the demon eyes poster censured by the Advertising Standards Authority, that proved the last straw for many left-wing Labour MPs.

Ken Purchase, the Labour MP for Wolverhampton North East, said: "It would not have been my choice. I would not let enemies of the Labour Party run a chip shop let alone be given millions of pounds of lottery money to promote the dome, which many people don't even want. What an extraordinary state of affairs."

Ronnie Campbell, the MP for Blyth Valley, was surprised that Mr Mandelson. the Minister without Portfolio who is in charge of the project, had not blocked their appointment. During the election campaign Mr Mandelson described the demon eyes posters as "despicable".

The agency is a waste of money," Mr Campbell said.
"No one believed their lies about Labour during the election ... why should they believe anything they have got to say about the dome?

The Tories accused the millennium company of a potential conflict of interest over the appointment. Bill Muirhead, a partner in M&C Saatchi. was acting communications director of the millennium company until the middle of June. He stood down from the unpaid role when the search for an advertising agency began. Jeremy Sinclair, the agency's creative force, was also an adviser. He left at the same time. Now the Tories are accusing the Government of "jobs for the boys".

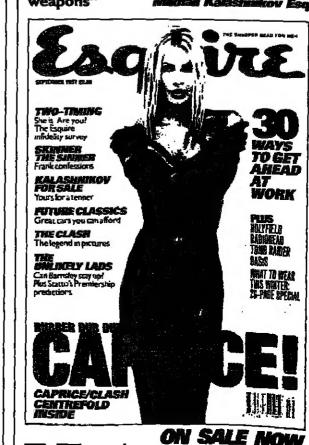
### in Esquire this month:

"If an alcoholic is someone who relies on a drink to get through the day, then yes, suppose I am one" Frank Skinner Esq

"There's gonna be a new movement that's got little to do with music, but lots to do with attitude" Liam Gallagher Esq.

"I thought, why dress like that when you can look like Etvis?" Mark Lamerr Esq

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### THE TIMES Senior banker warns of £300 tartan tax

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING Scottish banker yesterday warned that the average wage earner could be worse off by more than £300 a year under the Government's plans for a tax-varying parlia-

ment in Edinburgh.

As the campaign for next month's referendum intensified, Sir Bruce Pattullo, the Governor of the Bank of Scotland, said that a different tax regime would "stick out

like a sore thumb. John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, who joined Labour's campaign for a Yes Yes vote in Glasgow yester-day, dismissed Sir Bruce's remarks. "Play around with your money but just leave us to get on with our politics," he said as he opened a new taxi depot in a Glasgow suburb.

Sir Bruce's intervention, which was supported by the entire board of the bank, was carefully designed to provoke a debate about the dangers of increased taxes in the finals

weeks of the campaign.

Although opinion polls in Scotland indicate overwhelming support for a parliament, many Labour voters have indicated that they will vote against giving the body the power to raise taxes. In the latest Scotsman/ICM poll, 68 per cent of electors said they would vote Yes to the first question which will ask whether a parliament should be established. More than half (56 per cent) said they would vote Yes to the second question on whether the parliament should have tax-varying Sir Bruce warned voters

that they could be worse off by E6 a week if the parliament chose to raise taxes. He also accused ministers of misleading voters because the wording in the referendum left open the possibility that the parliament could raise more than just income tax. The phrase "tax-varying" in the referendum question is vaguer than last month's White Paper on the parliament, which reconimended that the body increase or decrease only the basic rate of income tax by a Sir Bruce told The Scots-



man: "In the United Kingdom [Scots] are going to live in a region which has a different tax regime and it is going to stick out like a sore thumb. I do not want to dramatise the situation. It will be slow and

Campaigners for a Scottish parliament rounded on Sir Bruce. Alex Salmond, the leader of the Scottish National Party, who used to work for the rival Royal Bank of Scot-Speaking at the launch of his party's campaign in Glasgow. Mr Salmond said: "As an

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individual, Bruce is entitled to say what he pleases. But it is slightly worrying and slightly strange that he should do so and start a yes-no campaign as the Bank of Scotland itself."

Alistair Darling, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, dismissed Sir Bruce's fears. He told BBC Radio: "Most people, on mature reflection, will see that most of the things that Sir Bruce is saying simply do not bear up or stand up. We have made sure there is la level playing field] because the Corporation Tax regime will be the same the length and breadth of the kingdom."-

Sir Bruce's comments indicate that a siginificant propor-tion of the Scottish business community is opposed to taxvarying powers. Scottish Fi-nancial Enterprise, whose members include the Bank of Scotland, Scottish Widows and BT, has warned that

higher taxes would drive businesses over the border. But supporters of devolution say that increasing numbers of business leaders have embraced the idea of a partia-ment. The Royal Bank of Scotland said it was "perfectly relaxed" about

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Skeleton puzzle and a DNA Dales hunt

Samples of DNA are to be taken from people in a Yorkshire Dales village in an attempt to identify living descendants of the pre-historic skeleton of a young man found by Yorkshire Electricity workers 18 inches below the

ground in a field in Ketilewell, near Skipton.

Archaeologists are bailing the find as one of the most significant in years. The skeleton - thought to be more than 4,000 years old — was found curied up in the foetal position, suggesting a pre-Christian burial.

It is thought he died from natural causes. Scientists from

Bradford University's department of Archaeological Sciences are studying the remains to determine the age and sex of the skeleton and cause of death. Another grave was found nearby two weeks ago.

### Loyalist in-fighting

Fending loyalist paramilitaries carried out tit-for-tat petrol bomb attacks in Londonderry and fired shots. A teenage girl suffered facial burns when two petrol bombs were thrown into a house. Nobody else was injured. Police blamed the violence on rivals in the UVF and the UDA. None of these attacks was sectarian," a spokesman said.

### Police pay plan dropped

Plans to introduce performance-related pay for Britain's senior police officers have been abandoned after chief constables protested that it could undermine their independence. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, has agreed a new pay package for chief constables, deputies and assistants which drops linking pay with their performance.

### Thieves threaten cat

A couple were robbed at knifepoint by a gang who threatened to microwave their cat. The three men stole Cartier and Rolen watches. They then threatened to kill the cat by putting it into the microwave oven unless the couple handed over jewellery and a stereo system. Police have only just disclosed details of the attack 12 days ago.

### Migrant smuggler jailed

Frenchman was jailed for 21/2 years yesterday at Maidstone Crown Court for attempting to smuggle nine Chinese illegal immigrants through the Channel Trimel. Mario Fernandee-Neira. 26, of Paris, maintained that he thought he was only carrying two people in his Mercedes van and a judge sentenced him on that basis.

### Paedophile priest dies

Brendan Smyth, the paedophile priest whose extradition case brought down the Irish Government in 1994, died last night after a suspected heart attack. Smyth, 69, was serving a 12-year sentence in Ireland for abusing 20 boys and girls in his care. He had previously served four years in Northern Ireland for similar offences.

### Loseley heir's funeral

The funeral was held yesterday of 12-year old Christopher More Molyneiz, a member of the Loseley dairy family who died on Monday in an accident on a child's motorcycle. other children, in the packed village church in Compton.

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### Father tells of last birthday

Continued from page 1 ing their daughter and eventually decided to book her into a

private psychiatric clinic.
"But she would be crying most of the time and her eyesight was becoming affected and she was losing a lot of weight. She began to get double vision ... her memory loss was such that she couldn't remember what she had for

Mr Tompkins described how he would lay a trail of chairs across the living room for his daughter to reach the door as her condition worsened. "She was at the clinic for four and a half weeks from the end of February until after Easter and during that time there was no progress. We brought her home because we lelt that maybe she just needed

love and care. Her weight loss was frightening. She was normally about 7st 3lb and we struggled to get her over 5st 10lb by giving her nutritional drinks. Up until March she was still concerned about her appearance and was putting on make-up... we took her on a short break to Norfolk but by May 10 we realised she was getting worse." Clare was readmitted to the private clinic

two days later. May 13 will never be forgorten by Mr Tompkins, it was Clare's birthday and father and daughter had their last conversation. "We simply talked about how it was her 24th birthday and how much we all loved her," he said. Because of her illness she could not open her cards and presents, so we did it for her." Mr Tompkins said Clare's



Clare Tomkins pictured with her fiance, Andrew

condition deteriorated during motivational therapy at the private clinic and on May 28 she became unconscious and was taken to the Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge

It was there over the next two and a half months that doctors finally came to the conclusion that Miss Tompkins's condition was not psychological but neurological. During that time Miss

Tompkins was given intravenous anti-depressants and her father also consented to electro convulsive treatment for his daughter under general anaesthetic. Ten days ago she was taken to St Mary's Hospital in Paddington which specialises in the investigation of CJD. There the disease was

Mr Tompkins recalled that in February his daughter had

reveal CID. It was discusse in a speculative way. "I said you can forget that because she's been a vegetarian for II years'.'

Last Tuesday Miss Tomp-kins came home from the Kent and Sussex Hospital. Her father said: "She is very comfortable. We play her the tapes she loves of dolphin and whale music. She has mursing day and night and she is being fed through her stomach. Our conversation is eye contact. She will recognise things what you say but she can't talk. She has pictures of animals in her room as she's always had." At the garden centre where Miss Tompkins had worked

for the last eight years after leaving a local school with five GCSEs, staff were close to tears after they learned yesterday for the first time about her

Terry Shead, the garden centre owner, said: "I've known her since she was a baby and everyone here is absolutely shocked, it is so tragic." Mr Shead has no idea how Miss Tompkins could have contracted CTD. As manager of the pet department she did handle dry dog food as well as other tinned products for animals.

Mr Tompkins also has no idea. His daughter insisted that all packet food was checked to see whether it contained animal fats. He remembers that she might have taken nutritional tablets to supplement her vegetarian

. It was at a family meeting last week that Mr and Mrs Tompkins, their daughter Lisa, 28, her husband and Andrew, who has visited his dying fiance constantly, de-cided to talk publicly about Clare's illness

A picture of Lisa's wedding, where Clare was bridesmaid, takes pride of place in the room where the family made

their decision. Mr Tompkins said: "She is only the 22nd person to contract this disease in the world. The odds against that alone

must be millions. "When you consider that not a piece of meat, nor any other animal fat, has passed her lips in Il years ... well I must admit that there is some anger inside me at the injustice of it. "Our main concern now is that other parents whose

children might be suffering from this terrible disease are aware of the possibility sooner

### Bottomley father has last rural ride

By A STAFF REPORTER

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY, the former Tory Heritage Secretary, joined an unusual funeral procession on the isle of Wight for her late father yesterday -- by retracing the family's traditional Easter ramble across fields

to a local churchyard. Her husband, Peter, also a Tory MP, beloed to carry the coffin of John Garnett, who died last week aged 76. He described the funeral as a "semi-

Members of the public out walking

their dogs looked on as the 30 strong by the Right Rev David Halsey, former funeral procession, including Peter Bishop of Carlisle, who lives on the Jay. the broadcaster, who is Mrs. Isle of Wight, and was an old friend of Bottomley's cousin, made its way along. Mr Garnett, Canon Howard Barker, the country pathways to St Helen's Church near Seaview.

The half-mile route from the Garnett family home took in an uphill treelined footpath, a hedge-lined grass field occupied by young cows, and finally a vast field of straw before reaching the church. The route was the one walked by the extended family to

the church each Easter. The funeral service was conducted

Victor of St Helen's, said he thought it was nice touch that the family had chosen to bring the coffin down a rural footpath to. "This type of thing used to happen quite often before the days of the motor car, but it isn't seen very often in modern times."

Mr Garnett was the director of the Industrial Society from 1962 to 1986. He was renowned as a gifted speaker and lecturer.

Gift horse wins diplomacy stakes

Ben Macintyre

in St Martin d'Oydes reports on the sealing

between leaders

of a stable relationship

THERE is a moment familiar to many holidaymakers in rural France when the Big Man of the locality invites himself for lunch, bringing goodwill, bags of fresh produce and a bottle of the local

This, on a grand scale, was the fate of Tony Blair yester-day when Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister, visited him at the château in southwest France where the Blairs have spent the last week of their holiday. In the best tradition, the

Jospin visit was accompanied by the presentation of bouquets of flowers, jars of pate de foie gras, expressions of political solidarity and, rather more unexpectedly, a small, stocky, and extremely frisky

Cherie Blair, plainly wondering about the logistics of packing it when the family leaves next Tuesday, appeared to swallow hard when the fivemonth-old Merens foal, named Justin de Vives, was handed over in the scorching village square at St Martind'Oydes as a going-home

present.
"The children are very excited," she said, a little dubiously, but was visibly relieved when the village mayor an-nounced that this four-wheeldrive of the horse world, descended from the breed that crossed the Alps with Napo-leon", would remain in the village to await the Blairs' next

The experience of John Major underlines the wisdom of



The Blairs with the new four-legged friend that they will leave behind in France. The five-month-old foal is descended from the breed that crossed the Alps with Napoleon

Prime Ministers looking gift horses in the mouth. He was presented with a highlystrung stallion by the President of Turkmenistan for his 50th birthday in 1993, but gained only a series of diplomatic embarrassments from

The President took offence as months went by without the £30,000 horse being collected from his stables. Then came the long and arduous trans-

portation from the central Asian state. Finally Maksat was turned down by the Queen's Life Guards as too frisky and is enjoying a lei-sured life on a stud farm in

But Mr Blair was determined to be grateful for his animal. Looking tanned and relaxed beside the paillid, greyhaired M Jospin, he wheeled out his French again to thank the local folk for their welcome

and generosity. "I have been given many things over the years - clocks, pens, flowers - but up until now I have never been given a horse," he said. "It will give me and my children lots of pleasure." But only when in France, he might

have added. Before a crowd in which sweating television journalists outnumbered the locals, Mr Blair sang the praises of his holiday spot and his French

counterpart. "We are partners," he said. M Jospin added firmly: "We are both Socialists", determined to show that old French socialism is not so far removed from new

The event, designed to show that despite reports to the contrary the two Prime Ministers are on the most friendly terms, passed off without a hitch, though the heat and noise were clearly affecting the

local fauna. Justin and his mother whinnied and threatened to bolt, but it was the French press corps that finally stampeded, breaking out of its designated position and engulfing the two men and their wives as they attempted a brief walkabout.

After a vin d'honneur (in this case, champagne), the Prime Ministers repaired to the Blairs' holiday chateau for a lunch of poached salmon

cooked by the Spanish chef brought with them from Tuscany. The meeting was arranged at the request of M Jospin, whose constituency is just 20 miles away.

To judge from their enraptured expressions, the citizens of St Martin were relishing their 15 minutes of abnormality. From now on, there will be a corner of France, and a stout Napoleonic pony, which is for

### The long summer break is revived

By NICHOLAS WATT POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR flies back to London this weekend at the end of his three-week continental break having chalked up yet another record. He has taken the longest foreign holiday of any prime minis-ter in more than 40 years.

Not since an ailing Winston Churchill spent three weeks working on his wartime memoirs in Jamaica in 1953 has a prime minister spent such a long period away from British shores.

While John Prescott and Peter Mandelson have jostled for position, the Prime Minister has enjoyed time with his young family in the Tuscan hills and in the Ariège region of France.

Such a relaxing summer contrasts with Baroness Thatcher's distaste for holidays. She used to squeeze in a few days in Switzerland and once reportedly told a friend: My heart and lungs don't stop during the recess, so why should my brain?"

Mr Blair's break has revived a tradition of lengthy continental breaks. The Liberal prime ministers. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and Herbert Asquith, used to spend months in France. Asquith even had to travel to Biarritz to become Prime Minister because Edward VII was holidaying there.

In recent decades prime ministers have either taken a holiday at home or travelled abroad for short periods. Sir Edward Heath is Mr Blair's only rival. In 1971 Mr Wilson dubbed him a "part-time prime minister" when it was announced he was to skipper Morning Cloud for two weeks in the Admiral's Cup.

### Camilla goes But Prince is the true king tourist as Diana jets off of vacations

Emma Wilkins contrasts the highs and lows of going on holiday

sister-in-law.

FOLLOWING in the footsteps of Diana, Princess of Wales. Camilla Parker Bowles made her way to Stansted airport yesterday for her holiday flight. The two women left within 13 hours of each other, but their methods of transport could

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not have been more different. While the Princess left for the French Riviera on a £20 million private jet owned by Mohamed Al Fayed, Mrs Parker Bowles queued at dawn to board an Airbus A320 charter flight to Malaga in Spain. The Princess, who left at

7.30 on Thursday evening for. a flight to Nice with Dodi Fayed, sank into the leather seats in a 19-seater Gulfstream jet. Mrs Parker Bowles, who left at 6.40 the following morning, had to shuffle on board the 180-seater plane with other holi-

On board Mr Al Fayed's jet, which is equipped with its own stereo sound system. passengers can choose whatever delicacies they desire and all washed down with the finest champagne. A standard breakfast of omelette, beans and sausages was available for passengers on the Leisure International flight; drinks are extra.

Mrs Parker Bowles, who is staying with the Marquess of Douro at his 2,200-acre estate near Granada, paid £190 for her ticket. The cost of chartering a Gulfstream jet is £3,000 an hour, although if

the plane, the running costs are a mere £1,000 an hour. When the Princess arrived at Nice airport, she and Mr

Fayed were driven to the harbour in a blue Mercedes accompanied by body-guards. The couple, who are on their fourth trip abroad since early July, boarded a tender for the journey out to the Jonikal - Mr Al Fayed's £15 million motor yacht moored 500 yards out.

Mrs Parker Bowles will spend a week with the Marquess, son of the Duke of Wellington, and his wife Antonia. The Douros are among the select band of confidantes who have supported the Prince and Mrs Parket Bowles over many

it is understood that Mrs Parker Bowles chose the early flight to



On holiday: Mrs Parker Bowles and the Princess

AS Diana, Princess of decided he needed another Wales, enjoyed her fourth break and travelled to Scotcruise in five weeks yesterland, After spending a few hours on official engage-ments in Edinburgh, he day, some observers began to wonder if she had caught the holiday bug from her enjoyed the remainder of the week fishing, hunting and walking on the Balmor-al estate. In March, he took In fact, the Princess's total

amount of holiday - just over four weeks so far this Princes William and Harry year - looks positively modest when compared to the to Kenya and Tanzania on a amount of time off enjoyed ten-day safari holiday. by her former husband The Princess, by contrast. The Prince of Wales has has had a thin time this year. She spent a week at New Year in the Caribbean at the taken at least nine weeks off so far this year. His present summer holiday at Balmor-K. Club on the island of al will continue until his next official engagement, in Barbuda. Later the same

the second week of Angola to highlight the issue of landmines. In January, the Prince The Princess did not take enjoyed his traditional New another holiday until Year skiing holiday in the Easter, when she took Princes William and Harry to the K Club for a week. Swiss resort of Klosters. He spent six days on the slopes with Prince Harry. Later the

The Princess spent ten days in July in St Tropez and cruising on a yacht owned by Mohammed Al Fayed. Just ten days later she was cruising again — this time on the five-day holiday with Dodi Fayed, when the couple were photographed embracing on a yacht off

month, the Princess visited

Sardinia, The Princess left for another cruise last week. She returned on Wednesday from her trip around the Greek islands with Rosa Monckton, an old friend. Then, on Thursday, the Princess flew to Nice to board the Jonikal. Al Fayed's yacht, for her cur-





### Keep your cool, trippers told

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE Bank Holiday getaway began yesterday, with a weekend of thundery showers expected. Holidaymakers are unlikely to get much relief from the hot and humid weather, and storms were forecast, with flooding possible in the South.

Motorists were warned to protect the car from overheating. The AA was attending a breakdown caused by overheating every live minutes. Martin Roley, a national

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forecaster, said that most holidaymakers would have hot sunshine but should pack their rainwear. "It's going to stay warm and will feel very. very humid in the South, with temperatures in the upper 20s. In the North it will be much fresher with showery rain but still with plenty of dry and sunny weather." he said. It was not yet possible to be precise about Monday's outlook.

The AA advised motorists to

stagger their journeys. By evening yesterday, congestion had built up to all popular holiday destinations, including the Lake District. Scotland, the South West and Wales. The AA said that it would help motorists if, de-

spite the steamy heat, they could keep a cool temper. On the Dorset coast, where the heat has led to an increase in poisonous weever fish,

plastic sandals to avoid being bitten. In Bristol, an ice rink melted when the cooling towers failed to cope with soaring temperatures. Police reported traffic jams

into Reading as 60,000 rock fans drove into town for the annual festival. Officers appealed to fans not to cool off in the river, "The river might look tempting in the heat, but even in August the Thames is a treacherous place. It has very strong undercurrents which have claimed the lives



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### Net closes on killer of Lady in the Lake

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A BOAT on Coniston Water belonging to Gordon Park was seized by police yesterday after they confirmed that his first wife, who vanished 21 years ago, had been identified as the "Lady in the Lake".

Officers also smashed open a window at Mr Park's home and began an extensive search. He and his third wife, Olive, have been on a cycling holiday in France since the beginning of the month and may not know of the police investigation.

The body of his first wife. Carol, who disappeared when she was 30, was found by divers in a weighted bag in Coniston Water two weeks ago. Detective Superintendent lan Douglas announced yes-terday that the body, which was dressed in a distinctive baby-doll nightdress, had been formally identified using dental records.

Mr Douglas said he was confident that he would arrest the person who had spent the past 21 years believing that



Detective Superintendent Ian Douglas was confident that Carol Park's murderer would be arrested

Furness, having executed si-

multaneous search warrants.

"Warrants were obtained

from Barrow magistrates to

search for and if necessary

remove evidence in relation to

the murder of Carol Park," the

Detectives were also expect-

ed to try to trace Sail Fish, the

boat Mr Park owned at the

time of his wife's disappear-

spokeswoman said.

they had got away with murder. He appealed to relatives and friends of the dead woman - described as a good family woman and a respected teaching colleague - to come

A Cumbria police spokeswoman said yesterday that scenes of crime officers were searching the boat and Mr Park's house in Barrow-inseveral years ago.

Mr Park's current yacht is a 19ft vessel called Mrs J. Desmond Slater, 68, a fellow sailor on Coniston Water. recalled him yesterday: "He was a keen competitor. Like me, he liked to go out in a strong wind. We had one or two battles in the lake."
Mrs Park's family were

yesterday trying to come to terms with the confirmation of her death. She and her husband had three children: Vanessa, now 29, Jeremy, 27, and Rachel, 26.

On the day she disappeared, the couple had planned a Blackpool daytrip with the children. Mrs Park complained of feeling sick and went to bed. When the family returned to their home in the village of Leece, near Barrowin-Furness, she was gone. Neighbours praised the way Mr Park took on the task of raising the children.

Mr Douglas said he had spoken to Vanessa and had also contacted Jeremy about the identification of their

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Police breaking into Gordon Park's home yesterday. He and his third wife are on a cycling holiday in France

mother's body. Asked how Jeremy had reacted, he said: It is a traumatic time for all

Mrs Park's brother, Ivor Price, 57, said on GMTV: "I have always kept an open mind about what happened to her. I thought she might have just walked out. She was fluent in languages and I thought she might have been

integrated into a foreign community. I thought she might have come back when my mother died. When she did not. I started to think not that she was dead but that she

might never come back. Now I have to accept that she is dead, bringing to an end a 21-year-old nightmare. But God only knows the nightmare I must now face, having

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Much of the police paperwork about Mrs Park's disappearance from her bungalow has been lost or disposed of in clearouts. Mr Douglas said: This is a long, complicated inquiry and will be for a

But he added: "We are on the trail of whoever carried out

murder. Twenty-one years on, I am sure that he or she thought they were safe. They are not. We are on their tail and I am quite confident we will eventually arrest

someone for this." Police expect Mr Parks, a retired teacher, to return from holiday in the next few days. Mr Douglas had no plans to

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### Man tells how getaway car ran him down

A MAN who went to investigate a suspected burglary told yesterday how he was left permanently disabled after he was trapped beneath a get-

Ralph Burns, 56, had to choose between clinging on beneath the car, or letting go and being run over and almost certainly killed. The driver ignored his screams for 120 yards before swerving to throw him off.

Then he disappeared along the country lane, leaving Mr. Burns unconscious and bleed ing heavily. Mr Burns spent ten days in a coma with injuries described by a consultant plastic surgeon as unique

in his experience. Mr Burns, a kitchen designer, has lost both kneecaps, the use of his left leg and arm and much of the flesh and muscle from the left-hand side of his body. Doctors have completed a series of skin grafts and grafted blood vessels into the

damaged limbs. Detectives said they were treating the attack as attempted murder. Mr Burns, speaking for the first time since the incident in July, told how he left his home, a converted mill in Cwmbran, South Wales, to investigate noises in an empty property next door. "I was



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Burns: left disabled after car thragged him along

stood at the entrance when towards me at about 20mph. went under and grabbed something with my hand. I was in terrible pain but I just kept thinking: I ain't going

under, I ain't going under." Mr Burns added: "I don't know whether I did the right thing by going outside - but what was I supposed to do. stay in my house and do nothing?

Police followed a trail of blood along the road. Detective Sergeant Mike Boycott said: "Someone knows who is responsible. We appeal to their conscience."



### New deer found in a lost world

By NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

A NEW species of muntjac deer has been discovered in an area of Vietnam which is proving to be the richest area in the world for discovering new animals and plants. The find, one of only a

handful of new large mammals discovered this century, follows the discovery of the giant muntjac deer and soala, an ox, in the same area over the past OUT YEARS.

Researchers said they had also found a new type of carp and pheasant along with several new proadleaf tree and three bamboo species in the Truong Son area.

The discovery of the deer, which has yet to be given a scientific name, was made in April by an international team backed by the United Nations Environment Programme

and the World Wide Fund for Nature. Genetic tests have confirmed that the animal, which has a black coat and tiny, Viking hel-met-like antiers, is about half the size of the common muntjac and weighs about 15kg, is a new species.

No living specimen has yet been seen by scientists but 18 skulls were collected from hunters who prize the deer known locally as sam soi cacoong or the deer that lives in the deep, thick, forest", for its meat.

The rugged Truong Son range, which separates Vietnam and Laos, contains some of Indochina's wildest and most diverse habitats. Scientists believe dimatic events during the Pleistocene age led to the area, which out of bounds to scientists between 1939 and 1985, becoming isolated; leading to an abun-

### Britons face jail for hotel rape lies

A couple on holiday in Cyprus have admitted making up a sex attack so that they could make an insurance claim, reports Michael Theodoulou

A ENGLISH mother of four that aided: As long as there is pleaded with a judge in not a problem with the family, Cyprus yesterday not in jail, then we would not get inher after she confessed to wolved as long as the children making a false rape claim are being cared for in a against a hotel worker.

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Warburton, 30, thought she give every support to keep the could make money by claim-reliktion together. British diping compensation from her domais were also alerted to the holiday insurance. She told case last night after Miss the judge. "I'm sorry. I'm very." War burton's court sorry. I have four kids. Please, "sing arance. take pity on me."

The Stockport couple, who

El. 150 fine. Their confession comes a formight after an Irish tourist. Annette Mangan, was jailed for four months by the same court in Larnaca for filing a fraudulent rape claim against two Irish United Nations peacekeepers:

and an Irish tourist.

Mangan, 20, from Dublin, said she wanted revenge against the men for allegedly. taking photographs of her while she was making love to another man. The Cypriot they will impose the maximum sentences against any tourist whose behaviour threatens its reputation as a holiday destination.

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Last night Stockport Social Services said it had not been

Warburton, a divorce from were staying in a hotel near Stockport, and her hance, Agia Napa, reported the false Paul Shearsmith, 26, will be sape on Thursday, telling sentenced on Monday. They police it had happened 32 face up to a year in juil and a hours earlier. They claimed 1,150 fine. Their confession that while Warburton slept comes a fortnight after an taked and Shearsmith was out, the Greek Cypriot mem-ber of staff entered their room, hand and raped her. The police became suspi

cious after learning that the couple had waited for more than a day to report the incident and did so only a few hours before they were due to fly home. Each was then questioned separately.

Police said both finally admitted they had lied in

order to get money from their insurance company. A leading insurance firm. Columbus Travel Insurance Direct, said: There is no policy that would cover such a provision.

They could claim for medical expenses but they would



Susan Warburton and Paul Shearsmith, centre, are escorted into court yesterday. They could be jailed for a year over their failed conspiracy

need to have supporting evidence, such as a police report. It could also cover extended hotel bills."

Both pleaded guilty charges of public mischief and conspiring to commit a felony.

"I'm sorry for what I did. I won't do it again," Shearsmith told the court before the couple were ordered to remain in police custody until Monday. Warburton, her short blonde hair pulled back from

looking morese. year the island's courts deal with British tourists arrested on charges rang-

amounts of soft drugs to filing

her tanned face, left the court fraudulent insurance claims.

Mangan explained it was a

her family are filing an appeal

on Monday. Her father, Albert Mangan, said: "I understand over there four months means four months. Annette is quiet and gets panicky. We are in a terrible state over this."

### beat up off-duty soldiers

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU

THREE off-duty British soldiers serving in Cyprus were attacked by a large group of local youths yesterday in the tourist resort

of Larnaca. The three were whisked away to safety by nine Britons serving with the United Nations peacekeeping force, who were pass-ing in a minibus. It was pelted with stones before it sped away with its wind-

Army sources said the three young privates, serving with the 1st Battalion. The King's Regiment, were attacked by between 30 and 50 Greek Cypriot outside a burger bar in

youths in the early hours Larnaca's tourist strip, two miles from the British military base of Dhekelia. No arrests have been made, but local police are investigating the incident. The 1st Battalion, The

King's Regiment, has been banned from going into the more popular resort of Ayia Napa after five of its members were charged with assaulting three Brit-ish tourists there earlier this month.

Yesterday's attack is not thought to have been linked to that incident.

### Israeli admits killing British holidaymaker

AND LIN JENEINS

AN ISRAELI man has admitted killing a Britan and wounding his girlfriend in the Negev esert, police said yesterday. Daniel Okev, 45, a major in

the Israeli army reserves, who was arrested in a police raid, gave no reason for the shootmanded in a court in Beersheba for 15 days, while police

prepared charges:
Max. Hunter. 22, a law graduate, of Banstead; Surrey, and Charlotte Gibb, 20. a business student at Durham University, had accepted a liftfrom a driver north of Ellat, last week. After they stopped for a cigarette. Mr Hunter and Miss Gibb, who was shot in

shooting Britons

the head, arm and hand, was preparing for her first visit said that they were glad that an arrest had been made. David Adlam, a consultant

said that Miss Gibb, of Market Deeping, Lincolnshire, had received expert care in Israel where surgeons were experienced in dealing with gunshot wounds. "It's a miracle, really. The bullet managed to miss every vital nerve in her face," he said. "Had the trajectory been altered by

man and his car provided by Miss Gibb to track the suspect before making the arrest at 7.30am yesterday. After the attack, Okev had driven back over the Egyptian border to the hotel where he had been staying. He later returned to his home in the town of Even where he was

Police said that a gun registered to Okev matched the murder weapon and that a fingerprint found in his vehicle was that of Mr Hunter.

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### Oxford student sold Ecstasy and cannabis

AN OXFORD undergraduate who dealt in drugs from his college room faces a prison sentence after admitting supplying Ecstasy and cannabis. Records of drug deals, thought to be worth thousands of pounds, and names and addresses of customers were found when police searched Benjamin O'Brien's room after a tip-off.

O'Brien, 19, a first-year politics, philosophy and economics student at Somerville College, also had 41 Ecstasy tablets and small quantities of cocaine and amphetamines in his room at Penrose Buildings.

When questioned by detectives, he admitted supplying the drugs at student parties. A police source said after the hearing: "We believe O'Brien was dealing in thousands of pounds' worth of drugs and making a nice profit for

"Although many students have a liberal attitude towards drug-taking, we all know that Ecstasy, in particular, can be lethal and that appears to



Somerville College, Baroness Thatcher's alma mater,

O'Brien pleaded guilty to six drugs offences yesterday. He was accompanied at Oxford Crown Court by his father John, a former brewery director, his mother Veronica and a group of relatives and friends. Judge Paul Clark described

the offences as serious and adjourned the case until September 5 for sentencing. The maximum sentence for supplying a class A drug is life imprisonment O'Brien, who was given conditional bail, is expected to be sent down from Somerville, Baroness Thatch-

have been what he was selling er's alma mater. He was suspended after the drugs find but was allowed to sit his first-

> He lives with his parents and younger brother at Wainstalls, near Halifax. Mrs O'Brien said after the hearing: Ben is certainly not the first student to pass drugs to his friends."

year examinations in June.

The Dean of Somerville. James Logue, who was at court, said afterwards: "A decision on long-term action against him will be made by the college governing body at its next meeting in October. They could call it earlier

the sentencing.

We have never had anyone convicted of drugs offences at the college before but we do take this very seriously. It is an antisocial activity which can harm students' careers." The case follows, but is

unrelated to, the drugs convictions of two other Oxford students in May. Daniel Legg, 20, of Exeter College, was jailed for three years after admitting dealing in cocaine, Ecstasy and cannabis. Benedict Gilman, 19, a barrister's son who was at St John's College, received 200 hours' community service for possession with intent to supply.

An Oxford University spokeswoman said yesterday that no new stens would be taken to combat drugs. "The O'Brien case is not connected vith the two previous convictions. It is an isolated incident," she said. "There is no evidence that the problem is on the increase or that it is any more significant among our students compared with other young people. However, we are not in any way complacent."

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### Ruling moves young from adult jails

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

A SERIES of emergency measures was introduced by the Prison Service yesterday to deal with young offenders after a High Court ruling that it was unlawful for young female offenders aged 16-21 routinely to be put in adult

Although yesterday's writ-ten High Court judgment referred specifically to female offenders, the Prison Service admitted that it would probably also apply to the far greater number of young males held with adult

criminals. Tony Pearson, acting direcor the Prison Service, said the service was considering whether to appeal has now been found for the against the High Court court ruling but that, in the meantime, it had reviewed the position of all female young offenders who had been convicted and sentenced.

Mr Pearson said: "Steps will be taken to ensure all male young offenders are detained in keeping with the court's

As part of emergency action taken to comply with the court ruling, 20 female offenders were moved from adult jails to

female young-offender institu-tions, and Askham Grange women's open jail, near York, has been redesignated as a young-offender institution for

A wing at Holloway jail in north London is to be redesignated as a young-offender institution for women. Wings in a number of male prisons are also to be turned into areas; specifically for offenders aged 16-21 and will house the 1,400 voung male offenders current ly held among adult prisoners.

The series of measures follows the base of a girl, aged lo. known only as F, who spent 15 avs in Rislev Warrington. A place at Styai eight months detention for a number of theft offences.

The judgment by Mr Justice Sedley and Mr Justice Astill enforces a section of the 1982 Criminal Justice Act which states that offenders under 21 sentenced to detention in a YOI must be sent there. Although there is a power to detain in prison in individual cases, this should not be a matter of routine or a blanket

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### \* Life for 'Early Bird Rapist' who was freed to strike again

A SERIAL sex attacker who struck within weeks of beingreleased early from a 14-year entence was jailed for life at Bristol Crown Court

Christopher Clark was freed after serving just ten-years and was allowed to live unsupervised at a hostel in the centre of Bath. The 47-year-old former fencing contractor, whose history of sexual of-fences stretched back over 30 years, was also supposed to have been chemically castrated on the orders of the judge who jailed him in 1987.

Yesterday Clark, who was known as the Early Bird Rapist because he would wait for his victims' husbands to leave for work before striking. was told he would always remain a danger to the public. Shortly after his release in

move

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July last year, he pounced on a ... young teacher within yards of his ball hostel, pulled a plastic bin-bag over her head but fled

Outraged MPs and Clark's own family yesterday con-demned the system that had allowed him out to offend

Don Foster, Liberal Democrat MP for Bath, has written to Home Secretary Jack Straw demanding new legislation to stop repeat offenders from

He said: "It is appalling that because of current legislation

pher Clark, Clark should never be allowed to strike fear into the heart of a community ever

Clark's brother Michael Chaloner, who changed his name to avoid any association. said: "If he had not been let out none of this would have

He said he had begged probation officers not to release his brother from jail without supervision. He said: "I spoke to the probation officers and said they would be stupid to just let him out, but I was ignored.

When he walked out of those prison gates he was free to do what he wanted. If they had given him parole, he would have to live in a hostel, go to work and be back in the evening. He would be kept in at night, keeping him away from temptation, and he

would have been eased back

into society."

Clark was convicted at the Old Bailey in 1987 for a series of six attacks on Canvey Island, Essex. He committed two rapes, two burglaries with intent to rape, three assaults and one indecent assault within a 15-mile radius of his home in an eight-month reign of

He selected the homes of women whose husbands or fathers had left for work. They included a stablegirl, a 15-year-old schoolgirl, a preg-nant woman and several housewives. Two women, in

their 30s, were raped in their beds just minutes after their husbands had left for work.

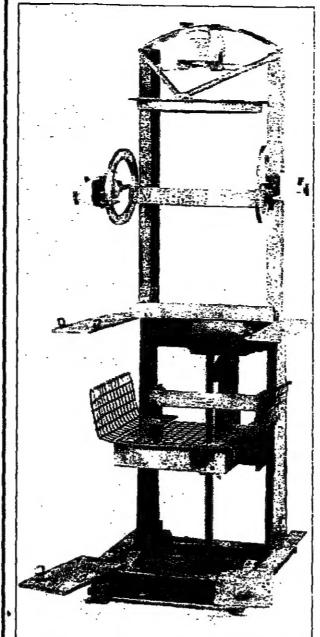
But despite being a category A prisoner, Clark, with three other sex convictions dating back to 1966, was released and placed in the Stonham Hous-ing Association hostel in The Paragon, Bath.

Clark, who denied attempting to render a woman incapable of resistance with intent to commit indecent assault and indecent assault, was arrested after hostel staff noticed a cut under his left eye and marks

Forensic analysis matched two blood spots on the woman's skirt to Clark's DNA

His victim's movements bear a chilling similarity to those of fellow blonde Melanie Hall, who was last seen at Cadillac's Nightclub in Bath at 1.10am on June 9, 1996. Clark was among 4,000 people quizzed in relation to the Melanie Hall inquiry, but police yesterday ruled him out of that investigation.

The original trial judge ordered Clark be "chemically castrated" by taking Goserelin to destroy his sexual urges The court was told that the drug lowers libido by switching off the production of male hormones. Consultant psychiatrist Dr Svdnev Crown, of the Royal London Hospital, said it was possible Clark's violent nature "overrode" the drug's



The electric chair was made in 1935 for the State of California and saw use in Alcatraz and St Quentin

### The shocking value of Warhol's deadly chair

A PRE-WAR electric chair used in Alcatraz and once owned by Andy Warhol. who reputedly sat in it to watch horror movies, is to be auctioned next week.

The chair is valued at up to £4,000 and was made for California's Department of Penal Correction in 1935.

It is believed to be the first time that an electric chair has been offered for sale in Britain, and is said to be in good condition. The chair was moved from

prison to prison, and was used in some of America's toughest jails, including St Quentin, Alcatraz and Chino. In the 1950s it was used as a prop by Warner Bros in films such as The Walls of Folsom Prison, Crime Wave and Hitchcock's 1953 thriller I Confess, in which a priest hears the confession of a murderer.

Warhol, who died in 1987, bought the chair from Warner and installed it in his New York apartment. He said that he often used it for watching horror movies. The chair also featured in Prisoner, a film by Warhof and his friend Pietro Psaier, and in several of Warhol's

The electric chair, which is being sold at Bristol Auction Rooms on September 9. comes from Pietro Psaier's private collection of Warhol's pop art. Also on offer is



Hitchcock, left, featured the chair in his 1953 film I Confess, before it was sold to Andy Warhol, right

the original bottle of Warhol's perfume "Stink" in its exhibition display case.

Senior cataloguer David Rees, from Bristol Auction Rooms, said: "It's a very odd, unusual item. To be honest it is very difficult to price, I'm hoping it will fetch between £2,000 and £4,000.

"It seems the chair was moved from prison to prison as a form of deterrent Prisoners would see the chair going into the jail and would obviously be on their best behaviour. We don't know how often it was used.

"Warhol bought the chair from Warner and then used it as a piece of furniture. It

would certainly be a talking point. We're expecting a fair amount of interest in the lot, Anything to do with Andy Warhol is very collectable."

Electric chairs have not been for sale in Amercia since the US Patent Office cleared out all its prototypes several years ago.

The chairs nicknamed Old Sparkies", were made of oak and iron with thick leather restraining straps. Two electric chairs offered for sale in New York two years ago were used to execute 700 people between 1890 and 1963, and have become valuable collectors

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Christopher Clark and The Paragon, Bath, where he lived unsupervised in a hostel

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### Experts' merry old rain dance

Gardeners are getting conflicting advice on beating water shortages. Nick Nuttall is told ice cubes are

for gin and tonic, not hanging baskets

company, aimed at showing gardeners how to overcome shortages, has divided horticultural experts. Thames Water's advice includes putting ice cubes in hanging baskets and layers of newspapers over borders.

Anne Swithinbank, broadeaster and columnist, says the best place for ice cubes is in gin and tonic and is concerned about the effect of the print on

The campaign, backed up by radio, press advertisements

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and leaflets, includes tips from Bob Flowerdew, of Gardener's World, on ways to keep the garden moist. He suggests sharpening hoes to rid the garden of water-hungry weeds, putting warm water and washing up liquid in dried-out hanging baskets and using an old freezer to collect.

Ms Swithinbank, a fellow Gardener's World panellist and News of the World expert, said yesterday that telling people to raise the height of the cut on the lawnmower to

moist was sound advice. But putting down "several thicknesses of wet newspapers" on soils was not her cup of tea, "I do not know what is in the print. But I do not like putting any chemicals in the garden unless I know exactly what they are doing," she said.

Instead of clearing weeds and putting down a mulch, she advocated a more cottagestyle approach, in which beds full of self-seeding plants could deliver the same results with less effort.

"If you have lots of leaf cover and shade, then the soil should remain moist," Ms Swithinbank said. Shingle and pebbles could have a similar effect, helping to keep moisture in the soil.

The Thames advice states: "If your hanging baskets dry out completely, they're hard to rewet, so rather than dunking them with warm water with a drop of washing up liquid in it. Or put a few ice cubes on top which will melt and trickle in slowly.

Ms Swithinbank said: "I am not sure how much benefit you would get from this. I would think the best place for ice cubes is in a gin and tonic". Other experts said they



Bob Flowerdew's advice to put layers of old newspapers over the borders failed to impress Anne Swithinbank

thought that it might be a shock for the plants to have ice cold cubes put on them.

Many water companies have been recommending that people should invest in water butts to collect rainwater. Mr Flowerdew's advice includes getting hold of an old freezer.

painting it black and popping it into the garden to collect

A spokeswoman for Greenpeace, the environmental group, said it would be worried about people using old freezers. They could contain CFCs, the chemical that de-

stroys the ozone layer. "If the freezer rusts, these CFCs could escape, unless they have been removed first," she said. "You should always contact a local authority which has a recyling facility before doing this." Treyor Simms of the Royal Horticultural Society

Wisley, Surrey, said yester-day: "We have lots of advice about keeping the garden moist, but it does not include newspapers. As for hanging baskets, we would advise not to let them get dry in the first: place. We're not into fire-

and contested to the last So why all the fuss? August 15 is in the minds of most Western Christians associdefinition by Pope Pius XII in Munificentissimus Deus of the belief that the Blessed Virgin, having fur-ished the course of this earthly life, "was assumed body and soul into heaven-

that there can be no other response to the rhetorical

Perhaps the best and most straightforward statement is the Salvation Army's "Gone to glory!"

no way be in-compatible with the thrust of the prayers for the departed in the Book of Common Prayer buri-

everlasting glory.
This feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary is so signifi-cant because before all else it is about the abundant and amazing grace of God as set before us in the vocation and response of Mary herself. He "looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and

### Mary's glory puts earthly affairs in a heavenly light

David Hope

LIFE and liturgy belong together. If our worship is to be of any relevance, each must speak to the other, both of the realities of life and of eternal truth. In the new calendar for

use in the Church of England from Advent Sunday 1997, there is for the first time since the Reformation a "red letter" feast day for The Blessed Virgin Mary, on August 15.

The matter was debated nted with the dogmatic

ly glory. Anglicans have always been wary of such definings of dogma, not least when it has to do with Mary. Yet the plain fact is mother of Jesus Christ, is not in Fleaven, where is.

And such a statement would in

have departed inthe true faith of thy holy Name may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and

chose her to be the mother of His only Son".

And God goes on choosing the weak and the vulnerable, the despised and the lowly, the poor and the outcast as the means by which and in which his saving purposes are accom-plished.

Thus this celebration of God and the wonderful things He has done in Mary is a celebration too of in us and in His world. We do not deserve it, but daily he lavishes upon us the riches of His creation.

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God" is Gerard Manley Hop-kins's way of putting it What are we doing to ensure that there is a world which so reflects God's glory rather than man's rapacity and greed? Ecology and the environment are not optional extras for the "green" Christian

Most important of all, this feast spells out the preciousness and the precariousness of our own creation, that every human person is created in the image and likeness of God, and which is to be reflected in our own being and behaving - God's unself-

ish love and respect and care for each of us being reflected in the responsibility and the duty we have before God towards others. The moral values to which we aspire spring strange conjunc-tion of body and

smal. Without the

moral itself is in danger of becoming no more than a privatised idolatry.

The spiritual springs from that transcendent power which belongs to God alone, and which we see so gioriously at work in Mary, her vocation, her response and her destiny.

Dr David Hope is Archbishop of York.

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### Funnymen say BBC is stifling creative talent

BY CAROL MIDGLEY MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

TWO of the BBC's most respected comedy writers last night accused the corporation of starving creative talent and called for the television licence fee to be

Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran, the team behind Birds of a Feather, Shine on Harvey Moon

and Goodnight Sweetheart, told delegates at the Edinburgh Television Festival that the BBC did not deserve a state licence fee because it no longer took any creative risks.

Independent producers, they said, were patronised and shortchanged by corporation executives, who demanded to own the rights to productions they commissioned. The BBC was also now

obsessed with copying ITV's programmes, moving "remorselessly towards the safe, the repetitive. and the cloned".

They said the American system. where teams of comedy writers also produce their shows and were "courted, sought after and highly rewarded", was far more effective for fostering new talent. American comedies such as Friends and Frasier are currently some of the most popular on British television. Giving the James MacTaggart Lecture jointly with Mr Gran, Mr Marks said: "If ITV has a ver. BBC wants a vet. If ITV has a moody cop. BBC wants a moodier one. The BBC drama department had over the past few years "resembled a flock of headless chickens". Mr Gran added of the BBC: "The power the creative staff once had

has been usurped by legions of

lawyers, accountants, business affairs executives and policy unit apparatchiks."

Broadcasters now preferred to spend on "chauffeur-driven cars. on front-of-camera talent, soap stars, celebrity chefs and Hale and Pace. The two men mocked the speech given at last year's lecture by John Birt, Director-General of the BBC, when he asked for an increase in the licence fee. We are -

as an article of faith that the BBC licence fee is a national monument and must be preserved. We now feel it has outlived its usefulness. Once it may have been liberating;

today it is a ball and chain." Mr Marks and Mr Gran instead proposed a voluntary subscription fee that would allow the BBC freedom and the ability to make more money. Viewers spent and £1.3 billion on videos, so they would be willing to pay £10 a month for a BBC smartcard because it was still highly popular. That would then release the Corporation from the "mercy of

politicians". The MacTaggart Lecture has in the past been delivered by Rupert Murdoch, John Birt, Michael Grade and Dennis Potter.



Worlds apart: Mr Lonsdale, above, in the hall and Mr Hughes, right, with his US team

### The low-rent laughs of British comedy's church hall of fame

Dominic Kennedy on the little-known venue that has played host to 20 years of cheap but cheerful sitcoms

Britain to direct The Golden

THE secret home of British television comedy for the past 20 years is a church hall in West London, where everything from The Two Ronnies to Men Behaving Badly has Terry Hughes, 55, who left

Girls and Friends, shown on Channel 4, recalls putting Ronnie Barker and Ronnie Corbett through their paces at the parish hall of St Mary Abbots in Kensington. "I just remember the smell of food

FRASIER £200,000 per epè 3.2m viewers (UK) hanging around there from serving old-age pensioners," he told The Times from Los Angeles, where he was last night directing an episode of the comedy Third Rock From The Sun, now on BBC2. Mr Hughes now has an

entire studio set in the San

Fernando Valley to rehearse his actors. He is backed by a team of ten writers who finetune scripts until a show is filmed before a live audience. Writers can earn \$16 million (£10 million) on a fourar contract with a studio. Half an hour of Seinfeld, currently top of the ratings in America and shown here on BBC2 and Sky i, costs \$4 million to make. The minimum

union wage for a writer on an

American sitcom is \$2,200 a week. British sitcoms are made for as little as £170,000 per episode with writers usually earning between £5,000 and £10,000.

A typical American sitcom has 24 episodes, compared with only seven in the UK. A writer's life is hard: anyone who fails to come up with the required laughs is quickly sacked. The week begins in America on Monday with a read-through of the script by the actors. Anything which fails to raise a laugh is immediately changed. Rehearsals are monitored by executives who demand more changes, leaving the writers to work until 3am daily. Only 60 per cent of the

original script will remain by 7pm on Friday, when the audience arrives at the studio. If a joke fails to work during filming, the writers replace it on the spot. The scene is filmed again until the audience laughs, "It's a grind," said Mr Hughes. former head of variety for the BBC. "The writers deserve

the money they get because it

Studio City, where American sitcoms are rehearsed and filmed, is a far cry from St Mary Abbots, where the church warden. Edward Lonsdale, has welcomed generations of English comedy actors. There is a kitchen so they can look after themseives and get food and

drinks, as well as toilet facilities," he said.

Masking tape is stuck onto the church hall floor to mark the shape of the set. Cheap props. including an old television set with no screen and a headless teddy bear (used once for Men Behaving Bad-(v), are carried in and out.

In America, locations such as the radio station in Frasier, shown on Channel 4, are permanent sets where actors spend all week practising their lines before filming. In Britain, the bachelor nad in Men Behaving Badly arrives in boxes at the television studio in Teddington, southwest London, the night before filming and is pulled down when the audience

leaves. St Mary Abbots church hall is luxury for the Men Behaving Badly cast, who had to rehearse earlier series in a scout hut. With £220 a day going to church mission funds from the hire of the church hall. Mr Lonsdale has become a connoisseur of television

"I make a point of watching all the comedies that are done here and virtually all of them I enjoy," he said. "Men Behaving Badly is wonderful, it's great fun. Sometimes I spot the odd one or two that are not going to be coming back. I won't tell you which one I think is going to close at the moment.

Simon Nye. who writes

Men Behaving Badly between his office in the West End and his home overlooking Hampstead Heath, sampled the US system when he sold the format of his show to America. In Studio City, a team of ten writers create 22

is often to panic and needlessly make root-and-branch changes," he said. Jackie Behan, a writer on Men Behaving Badly in America, said: The Britishers can be a lot more dark and cynical. American audiences like to see more optimism. The British would be

quite happy to end with the

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his politically incorrect characters. "The American system





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Gold tarnished in murky waters

John Goodbody on how innuendo

took the shine off a swimmer's

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could be excused for feeling resentful. The Irish swimmer won three gold medals at the 1996 Olympics. This week she has already taken two golds and a silver in the first three days of the European Championships in Seville. Yet she is denied credit for being the world's outstanding female swimmer.

In few other walks of life would somebody who is dominating their chosen activity not receive universal acclaim. But this week many of the public. coaches and fellow swimmers left the pool area as Smith received her gold medals. She stood on the podium, grasping the Irish flag, with a sad smile on her face. The slight was obvious and she knew why. She had seen it all before in Atlanta last year.

Her improvement since 1992 has astonished her sport. Five years ago, in the 400 metres individual medley, she was ranked 115th in the world. In 1996, she was first. Her rise in the rankings came between the ages of 22 and 26 - when a swimmer is believed to be incapable of such dramatic improvement.

The rumours started in 1995 but reached a wider audience last year when Janet Evans, the American winner of four Olympic titles, referred to "speculation out there on the deck" that Smith's improvement was partly due to drugtaking. The Irishwoman, often under fierce questioning, has repeatedly denied the charges and pointed to the frequency with which she has been called to doping control. The faster she has swum, the more often she has been tested - 18 times. she says, in the past two years.

Smith was defiant in Atlanta and, competing under her married name of de Bruin, has been dellant in Seville. "I am very, very proud of what i have done, she says, "I do not and presentable figure as



Three golds and a bronze: Smith astonished her fellow swimmers in Atlanta

win and damned if I do not. I have never felt like I wanted to quit. Swimming is my life."

aged her reputation and divid-But the smears have damher country. The first Irishwoman to win an Olympic title in any sport could have expected to have been acclaimed at home. Instead, Jim McDaid, the Irish Sports Minister, announced this week that he would not be at Dublin aiport to mark her return next week. After a storm of criticism, Mr

McDaid found himself helped out of a tricky situation by none other than Smith herself. She said yesterday that she did not regard his decision as a snub and invited the minister to a party being thrown in her honour near Dublin Airport on Monday. According to Irish Radio, he has accepted.

While Amy Van Dyken, the

personable American who took two gold medals at the 1996 Olympics, became a millionairess through sponsorship and endorsements. Smith has struggled financially. The mud thrown at her has stuck. Companies have been too worried by the smears to choose even such an intelligent cept that I am damned if I do Smith as a figure lead for their

products — she has appeared in just one shampoo

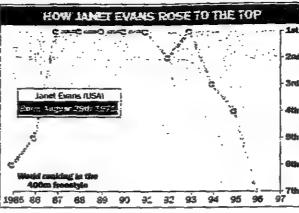
Those who question her times give several reasons. Her husband and coach is Erik de Bruin, a former Dutch international athlete. He insists that her improvement since he took over her training in 1993 is because she began heavy weight-training and has had more rest periods. De Bruin, a shot-putter and discus-thrower, was banned from

He was found positive for an unacceptably high level of testosterone. At the time he told a Dutch newspaper: "Who says doping is unethi-cal? Who decides what is ethical? Sport is by definition dishonest. Some people are naturally gifted. Some people are not going to make it without extra help.

athletics for four years in 1993.

Insiders know that there are ways to beat the testers. As more and more sports, such as

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athletics and rugby union, weight-lifting and American football, suffer positive tests, so the techniques for avoiding detection filter down through gyms and sports centres. Sir Arthur Gold, a long-time crusader against drug abuse and President of the Amateur Athletic Association of England, once remarked that testing caught only "the careless or

the ill-advised". Hormone drugs, such as anabolic steroids, are used in

training to help the competitor recover from intensive exercise. All traces will have usualy disappeared from the body if the athlete stops taking the drugs several days before the event. However, most of the benefits remain. This is why out-of-competition testing is so important. In February this year, The

Times disclosed that Smith had been unavailable to international testers when they called at her home on October

Smith this week with coach and husband Erik de Bruin

13, 1996. She was in the United States but had not informed Fina, swimming's world gov-erning body of her whereabouts. As a swimmer ranked in the world's top 50, she must do this. The Times also learnt that Smith was "unattainable" to Fina testers during "the first three quarters of 1995". By not complying strictly with the regulations of the governing body, she immediately brought suspicion on herself.

Even if a comperitor is available for an out-of-competition test, detection can be difficult. One rumoured method is to use a catheter of untainted urine just before a drugs test. Females insert the untainted urine into the vagi-

na, males into the penis. There are also drugs which can help individuals to train harder but for which there are not yet any foolproof tests. One drug that Ben Johnson, the Canadian sprinter, admitted using in his preparation before finishing first at the 1988 Olympics was human growth hormone (HGH).

"It is certainly the most misused drug in sport," says Jacques Rogge, a leading member of the IOC medical communision.

ing the artificial presence of HGH is that not only does the hormone exist naturally in the body but the stress of competition increases its levels.

nother substance, which is being promot-Led in magazines and on the Internet to stimulate muscle growth, is insulin, the diabetes drug. It is not a prohibited substance and there is no internationally accepted test for its detection.

There is no suggestion that Michelle Smith has used either these drugs or the methods of avoiding detection, but the fact they have been employed by other competitors has shown that the current system of drug detection is not foolproof. She has been tainted in part by the fact that people know that there are loopholes in testing, if there were not. she might be acclaimed as one of history's greats. Additional reporting: Craig

Smith has pulled out oftoday's 200 metres individual medley in Seville because she is fired. She still plans to defend her 200 metres butterfly title on Sunday.

#### COMEBACK THAT LEFT THE WORLD STANDING

MICHELLE SMITH is not the first female Olympic champion to be tarnished by unsubstantiated innuendos about alleged drug-taking after a sudden improvement late in her career. At the age of 28, Florence Griffith-Joyner, the American athlete, enjoyed an extraordinary year in 1988. She set world track records for the 100 and 200 metres, which still stand. and collected four Olympic medals

in Seoul, including three gold.

"Flojo" had finished second in the 200 metres at the 1984 Olympics but had drifted away from athletics in 1986. Nobody expected her to return so impressively to sprinting in

1987 and particularly in 1988, when she cut half a second off her best 100metres time and even more than that over 200 metres.

Yet her improvement, credited to ferocious training, was disbelieved by such American contemporaries as Carl Lewis. Who insimuated that she had used performance enhancing substances. She has always denied taking drugs. Unlike Smith, Griffith-Joyner re-

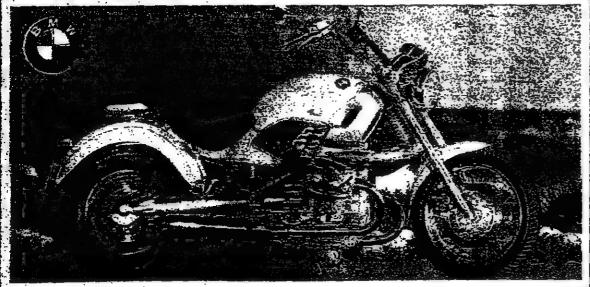
tired after winning her Olympic titles. She was not as successful commerrially as she should have been, and had to wait seven years to be inducted in the American Hall of Fame.



Seoul 1988: Flojo wins the 100m

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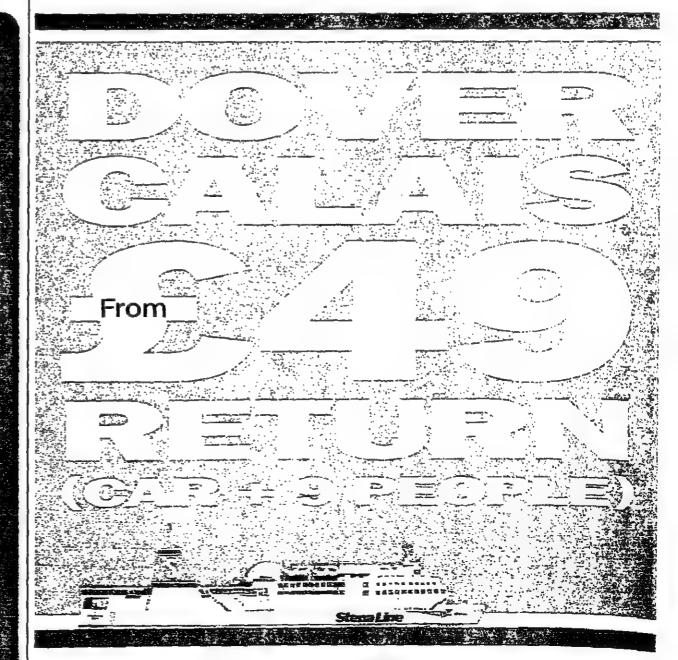
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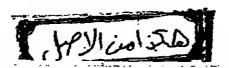
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### JFK Jr gets it wrong

in barber-shops or

at a manicurist's.

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claimed, "For \$2.95 [El.84] I'd rather

buy a large hot

dog." Mr Gomez is

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Perhaps aware

Yoko with Lennon, whose memorial is now a top attraction

Cowboy apprentice has

to bite surgical dust

DO you want a cut-price "nose

job" or a bargain basement

"tummy tuck"? Then make your

way to the city's Columbia-Pres-

byterian Medical Centre. The

place, it seems, is a medical Wild

West with cowboy surgeons of-

fering "under the counter" plastic

surgery for a smaller fee than

would be levied if the vanity-op

were done strictly by the book. It was reported this week that

the hospital authorities have sus-pended an uncertified resident

surgeon (an apprentice, in other

words) for performing cosmetic

surgery on a fattish female abdo-

men. He did it in a side room.

The case, described as proba-

after hours and unsupervised.

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dense forest of where people often talk too much and frequently write more man is necessary. It is upt. therefore. that the city should be the hume of George, America's most vacuous "colirical" magazine Published

the vanity vehicle

Field day

for the

Lennonists

EVEN though a particularly

ghoulish murder took place there in June (when a kindly middle-

aged tippler was stubbed to death.

allegedly by two drug-smitten 14year-olds). Strawberry Fields in

Central Park is one of New York's

most heavily trodden tourist sites.

A gentle teardrop-shaped

garden. Strawberry Fields was

created in 1985 in memory of the

murdered John Lennon. Named

after the Beatles' song, it was tunded by a gift of \$1 million

(£625,000) from Yoko Ono.

Lennon's gnomic Japanese

Two-and-a-half acres in size, it receives more than 2,000 visitors a

day, a number exceeded only by

the Statue of Liberty among New

York's open-air tourist

More than a shrine to Lennon.

however, the garden is now the

best place in the city to observe

A casual visitor can hope to find

weeping "peaceniks": starry-eyed

Lennonists who kneel and kiss the

turf; and small knots of distraught fans who wander dazedly whis-pering "O John, O John" to

themselves. There are also some

meditators and levitators, but no

In the week after Elvis Presley's

20th death anniversary, that is a

attractions.

eddballs in action.

Lennon lookalikes.

serious mercy indeed.



George: an unread

vanity vehicle of President Kenne-dy's son, John F. Kennedy Jr.

ing an embarrass-ment. Mr Kennedy decided this Started in October 1995, it is best month to give it a tweak. Unwisely, he put a naked picture known as the magazine no one reads but in which absolutely of the model Kate Moss on the everyone advertises. Its publishcover, shot in unflattering chiarers, who also bring out Elle, offer oscuro. He also wrote an essay on the transgressions of some wuscut-price space in the feisty fashins, I will, this once, mangle my ion magazine to those who place ads in the dud Mr Kennedy edits. metaphors: he attempted to rap George is not even found, dogthem on the knuckles but succeed-

### TUNKU VARADARAJAN'S

ed only in shooting himself in the foot. The calamitous error reaped ridicule from respectable commentators across America, in-cluding even the leader writers of The New York Times, who have tended to treat the Kennedys with an almost gormless admiration. An apercu from the "Dear Diary" genre, there are lines in the piece that should haunt their author

Referring, among other things, to Cousin Joseph's divorce and Cousin Michael's alleged fornication with an underage babysitter,

bly one of many, came to light

after the patient developed post-

operative complications. She

lived, of course, but the resident

was sacked. The hospital's

spokesmen, naturally, have their

lips sealed - or are they stitched

somewhat chilling statement. saying: "A resident in the division

of plastic surgery performed a

surgical procedure in an unauthorised location on a

patient without appropriate su-pervision. The resident has been

He has been named as James

Brady, in his fifth year of surgery

The hospital issued a terse and

he writes: 'Two members of my family chased an idealised alternative to their life. One left behind an embittered wife ... fell in love with youth and surrendered his judgment ... Both became poster boys for bad behaviour. Perhaps they deserved it. Perhaps they should have known better. To whom much is given, much is expected, right?"

Mr Kennedy's little essay is the intellectual "Chappaquiddick" of the Kennedy clan. And the river, this time, runs full with ink from a

### of virtual cricket

world's greatest city it is the absence of cricket. For all their heavenliness, bagels, cheesecake, louche "gentlemen's clubs" and the Chrysler Building do not quite compensate for the city's heartbreaking cricketiessness.

begin broadcasting Test Match Special on its Internet website (http://lords.msn.com).

To hear the BBC's Henry Blofeld giving ball-by-ball commentary in the Big Apple is like sweet manna from cyberspace. An Englishman who has lived in New York for 20 years told me: "It's a dashed shame they didn't have this Internet business before. I'd have loved to hear John Arlott crackle at me across the Atlantic."

not to be "on line", they will no doubt start to frequent some of New York's many cybercafes. where, on payment of a few dollars, one can sip coffee and log on to the internet.



IF THERE is one thing that denies New York the status of the

Imagine my delight, therefore, when Lord's decided this week to

Test Match Special on the Internet should help expatriate Englishmen in New York to banish for ever those homesick blues. Good draught bitter is now widely available, as is Marmite and stilton. Cricket now completes the cultural jigsaw puzzle. Since the older Brits here tend



FROM TOM RHODES IN WANTLINGTON

A FORMER Arkansas state trooper was at the centre of potentially explosive allegations yesterday, claiming that he was accosted on a coach to Heathrow and offered a \$100,000 (£63,000) bribe and a job to ensure that he gave favourable evidence in the Whitewater case against President Clinton.

L.D. Brown, who worked on Mr Clinton's personal security squad when he was Governor of Arkansas, has told Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater prosecutor, that he is prepared to give evidence about the clandestine meeting, which he says took place in June on a road outside Leicester. In a letter sent to Mr Starr, with a copy to the White House, Miami-based John Thompson, Mr Brown's lawyer, asks the independent prosecutor whether evidence of the bribe would be of

"I should like to inform you that he wishes to provide you with sworn testimony that he was been approached by individuals with connections to the Clinton Administration offering him a large sum of money to influence his testimony about Bill Clinton's illegal activities," the letter says. "This would be witness tampering, would it not?"

Friends and other lawyers confirmed details of the meeting, in which the coach was flagged down by a taxi whose passenger had then boarded the coach and immediately sat next to Mr Brown.

After discussing the former trooper's connection with Mr Clinton at length, the man offered him the money and said that, if he contacted a member of the National Security Council in Washington, he would be offered a job in Moscow. Mr Brown is a fluent Russian speaker.

A second offer was made in a subsequent call to Mr Brown in Little Rock before he decided to reveal the attempts to change his

A former president of the Arkan-sas State Police Association, Mr Brown once considered himself a very close Clinton confidant. He has said that he was recruited by the CIA in 1984, with Mr Clinton's encouragement, and flew on two missions to Central America to deliver MI6 rilles to the Nicaraguan Contras.

On one return trip he discovered



Kenneth Starr: he has been asked by the state trooper's lawyer whether evidence of a bribe would be of interest

the aircraft was carrying cocaine into Mena Airfield in Arkansas. He says that when he confronted the Governor, Mr Clinton told him not

Mr Brown has since emerged as a key figure in the Whitewater affair, corroborating claims by others that Mr Clinton had pressed an Arkansas businessman to make an illegal \$300,000 loan to Susan McDougal, one of the Clintons' partners in the failed land deal.

The trooper has also alleged that, between 1983 and 1985, he tried to solicit "over a hundred" sexual partners for the Arkansas Governor.

The timing of his latest claim will bring little joy to the President as he finishes the first week of a family holiday at Martha's Vineyard. It coincided with a meeting of law-yers in the highly embarrassing sexual harassment case brought against the President by Paula Jones: the former Arkansas state employee who is seeking \$700,000 in damages, alleging that Mr

Clinton asked her to perform a sexual act at a Little Rock hotel. The White House offered no response yesterday to Mr Brown's allegation of witness tampering. In the past, Clinton aides erroneously said state records showed he was a

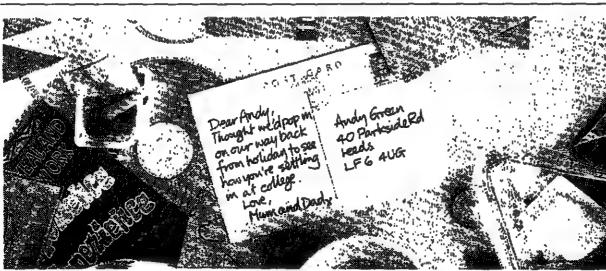
"pathological liar", even though his

employee file in Arkansas was

packed with recommendations,

many from Mr Clinton himself. There have been previous suggestions of incentives being offered to prevent Mr Clinton's record as Governor from becoming public. In 1994, Betsey Wright, his chief of staff in Arkansas, returned to the Governor's mansion in Little Rock. apparently to discourage Danny Ferguson, another state trooper, from disclosing seamier details about life inside the house during

Mr Clinton's tenure. Shortly after the visit, Mr Ferguson's lawyers issued a statement denying that the President had offered any inducement for silence, but Mr Ferguson subsequently contradicted them.





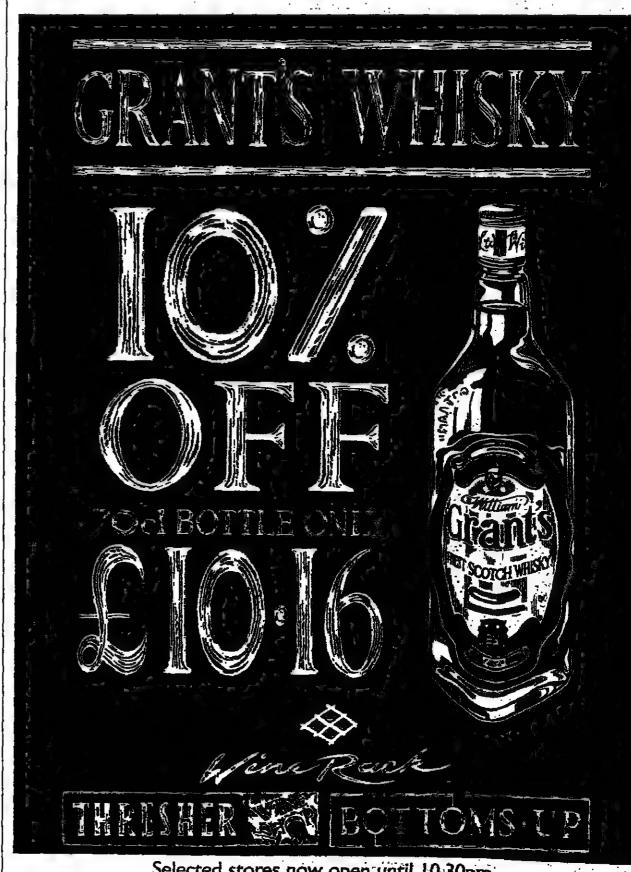
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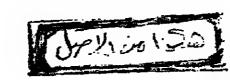
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### · Volcano island erupts in protest at exodus plan

A BRITISH-FINANCED plan to evacuate voluntarily those wishing to leave the volcanic island of Montserrat appeared to be in jeopardy last night as politicians, backed by demonstrators, rejected a resettlement package offered

After the head of the island government, Bertrand Osborne, resigned on Thursday, local politicians condemned the financial package as "woefully inadequate". As he stepped down, Mr Osborne lashed out at Britain's financial offer, describing it as totally unacceptable. His widely tipped successor, David Brandt, a solicitor and independent member of parliament,

was no less unflattering.

He told protesters: "You, the people, are right. I believe the British are doing everything they can to separate us so that they can do whatever they want." To cheers, he added: "I want you to tell money and do whatever they want island government. An angry clash on

David Adams in Montserrat and Michael Evans report on the political fallout in the wake of the British compensation package to move the islanders

with it." The British Governor, Frank Savage, has appealed for Montserrations to "rally round" in these difficult times. He said he understood that the protests were "a natural expression of people's frustrations pent up over two years. The final turn of the screw of the volcano has just proved too much for us".

Mr Savage called on demonstrators to keep their protests from going beyond the law. "It sends a wrong signal. It's not our way in Montserrat." He was referring to almost daily street protests this week by Montserrations upset by the way the volcano crisis is

the streets of Salem on Thursday came the closest so far to bloodshed when a dozen riot police confronted a group of 30 youths shouting anti-British insults. The demonstration turned ugly when Montserrat police beat protesters with batons while detaining four people.

"I don't want to leave Montserrat. I just want a house to live in and some respect," said Joseph Fagan, a local port authority worker and one of the protest leaders. "I have nowhere to go and the refugee shelters are full."

We would like to stay. All we are asking for is some hope to deal with what we are facing over there," said Stedroy Brade, another protester. Last night George Foulkes, Minister the Caribbean island.

for International Development, was involved in a clash with one of the chief volcano experts in Montserrat after he was accused by the island's scientists of making misleading statements about the possibility of an imminent "cataclysmic eruption. Mr Foulkes went on the defensive after a senior scientist monitoring the volcano claimed he had misread a report sent to the Govern-

Stephen Sparks. Professor of Geology at Bristol University and chief scientist in post at the Montserrat volcano observatory, said: "When a Government minister dramatises something of this nature. it is a serious

Professor Sparks said the report mentioned the word "cataclysmic" only in a section which examined whether there was any risk of an eruption between 1.000 and 10,000 times bigger

> WORLD SUMMARY

Cigarette

boss admits

cancer link West Palm Beach: The chairman of R.J.R. Nabisco, the

maker of Winston and Camel cigarettes, said yesterday he believes smoking plays a part

\$12.3 billion (£7.6 billion) lawsuit by Florida against the tobacco industry. Earlier in the case Geoffrey Bible, chairman of Philip Morris, became the first executive to acknowledge a possible link between smoking and death. (AP)

Spy suspect held

Beijing: A man who spent 32 years in jail for spying for

Taiwan has been arrested again by China's anti-espio-

nage authorities. Xiao Tongzhi was released on parole in

Forgotten victims Grenoble: The French town of

Voiron is to honour 16 Jewish children sent in 1944 to Nazi

death camps from a nearby

findings ended its silence over

Typhoon deluge Hong Kong: Record rains turned many Hong Kong streets into rivers, submerged shops and restaurants and

caused landslips as Typhoon

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Truth and Reconciliation

Commission said that it had

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human rights crimes. (Reuters) EUROSTAR Burgers run out Columbus, Nebraska: Hundreds of US Burger King restaurants ran out of hamburgers after Hudson Foods closed a plant and recalled 25

beef (AP).

### Space walkers' repairs put Mir back to work

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN KOROLEV

TWO Russian cosmonauts completed a harrowing repair mission in space yesterday, which promised to give the crippled Mir space station a new lease of life and to rescue Russia's space programme.

After false starts and delays. Anatoli Solovyov and Pavel Vinogradov embarked on a four-hour operation to reconnect vital cables severed from a damaged module, thereby transforming Mir back to a fully functional scientific research station.

The Spektr module had to be evacuated in June after it was punctured during a collision with a Progress supply ship. Sealing off Spektr meant that its solar panels could no longer supply electricity to Mir, which has since been operating on half power.

In an operation that had never been tried in space before. Mr Vinogradov, the flight engineer, entered the cramped, dark, airless Spektr module to reconnect 11 cables and try to find the hole caused

the cosmonaut. 43. ran a real risk of a latal accident if he had forn or damaged his spacesuit. Mr Vinogradov, a space novice who had an attack of nerves on his flight up to Mir. had spent hours similating the operation on a Mir model in a water tank near Moscow. The rehearsals paid off: he completed the rewiring in two hours, even allowing himself to joke and banter with Mission Control

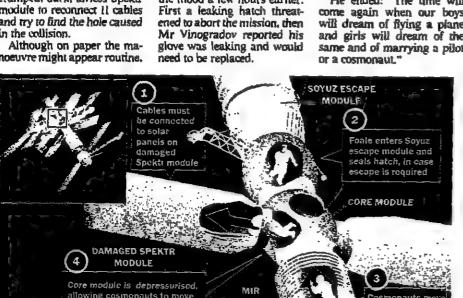
and his fellow crew members. At one point he spotted what looked like floating crystals in the module. Then Michael Foale, the British-born Nasa astronaut who sat out the repair mission in a Sovur escape vehicle, told him that it was only his "shampoo" abandoned in haste when he evacuated Spektr two months ago.

At Mission Control in Korolyov, outside Moscow, the relaxed atmosphere by day's end was in contrast to the mood a few hours earlier.

With the job done, Russian officials estimate that the space station should be back to about 90 per cent power capacity. That in turn should resolve many of the other power-related problems re-cently suffered in the orbiter. The repair mission is not over may have to make a further five space walks in order to find and repair the damage to the Spektr module.

of yesterday's repairs appeared to have been anticipated by President Yeltsin, who only hours before the operation addressed the nation about the importance of sustaining Russia's space programme. He said that only America and Russia were capable of maintaining a sophisticated aerospace industry and he promised that further government funding would be available next year.

He ended: "The time will come again when our boys will dream of flying a plane and girls will dream of the same and of marrying a pilot





The Pope in Notre Dame cathedral for the beatification of Frédéric Ozanam

### Pope defies critics to visit anti-abortionist's grave

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN PARIS

THE POPE celebrated Mass in Notre Dame cathedral yesterday and beatified a 19thcentury French thinker who inspired today's Christian Democrats.

The 77-year-old pontiff, who began a four-day visit to France on Thursday, also defied liberal critics of his stance on abortion by visiting the grave of a noted anti-

abortion campaigner. About 300 bishops from all over the world, together with an estimated 2,500 worshippers crowded into the cathedrai for the beatification of

been held in the French capital. Until 1984 beatifications the last step before canonisation or sainthood in the Catholic rite -- were carried

out only in Rome. Ozanam, a professor at the Sorbonne in Paris who died in 1853, was one of the founders of the St Vincent de Paul Society, a charity which now has nearly 900,000 members

After the service, the Pope flew by helicopter to the vil-lage of Chalo-St-Mars to visit the grave of Jérôme Lejeune -

French Family Planning Movement as a "provocation against women and families" and criticised by France's ruling Socialist Party.

In a statement, the party of the Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin, said: "The significance of this move can only create had feeling and risks encouraging in our country those who are waging a battle marked by intolerance." Lejeune, described by the

Pope as a close friend, founded the French anti-abortion group Laissez Les Vivre [Let Them Live. He died in 1994.

### Times quoted in Singapore damages call

FROM CHRIS LYDGATE IN SINGAPORE

THE politically charged defamation suit against Singapore's most prominent opposition politican, J. B. "Ben" Jeyaretnam, ended its first phase yesterday with counsel for Goh Chok Tong, the Prime Minister, asking for \$\$200,000 (E84,000) in

Summarising the Prime Minister's case, Thomas Shields QC said that he sought additional damages because of the way that Mr Jayaretnam's defence had been conducted. George Carman QC, Mr Jeyareman's lawyer, has sted the case was intendsuggested the case was intend-ed to bankrupt his client, so removing him from parlia-ment. He had also pursued a withering cross-examination of the Prime Minister, probing fundamental issues about the functioning of democracy in Singapore.

Quoting both The Times — "QC speaks of climate of fear in Singapore - and the International Herald Tribune "Goh's motives questioned in Singapore case - Mr elds said that the defence had tried to turn the case into "a sort of show trial", attack-

Mr Jeyaretnam, 71, is facing eight libel suits filed by 11 app members of Singapore's rul-ing People's Action Party, in-cluding Mr Goh and Lee Kuan Yew, the Senior Minister, who was Mr Goh's predecessor.

The suits were triggered by a remark Mr Jeyaretnam made at the last Workers' Party rally before the January election, when he told the crowd he had just been handed two police reports filed against PAP leaders by Tang. Liang. Hong., a party col-league. In court, Mr Goh. likened that announcement to "Molotov cocktail" lobbed in

his direction. Singapore newspapers had given lavish coverage to the police reports, in which Mr. Tang accused PAP leaders of deliberately lying about his at the rally.

beliefs and painting him as an "anti-Christian Chinese chauvinist" - a damaging charge in an island nation constantly engaged in a delicate ethnic

and religious balancing act.
Mr Carman said Mr Shields's line of reasoning was an "astonishing argument" which implied that the media could not report on legitimate public events. He appealed to the High Court to "look be-hind the libel game" at the true motivation for the litigation, and to limit any damages m a single dollar.

The case has generated considerable interest both inter-

> 6 The defence has tried to turn the case into a sort of show trial 9

nationally and in Singapore. has carried reports on severalbeen more favourable to the PAP leaders than reports from foreign journalists, most of the issues raised by Mr Carman have been faithfully covered, albeit usually in the back

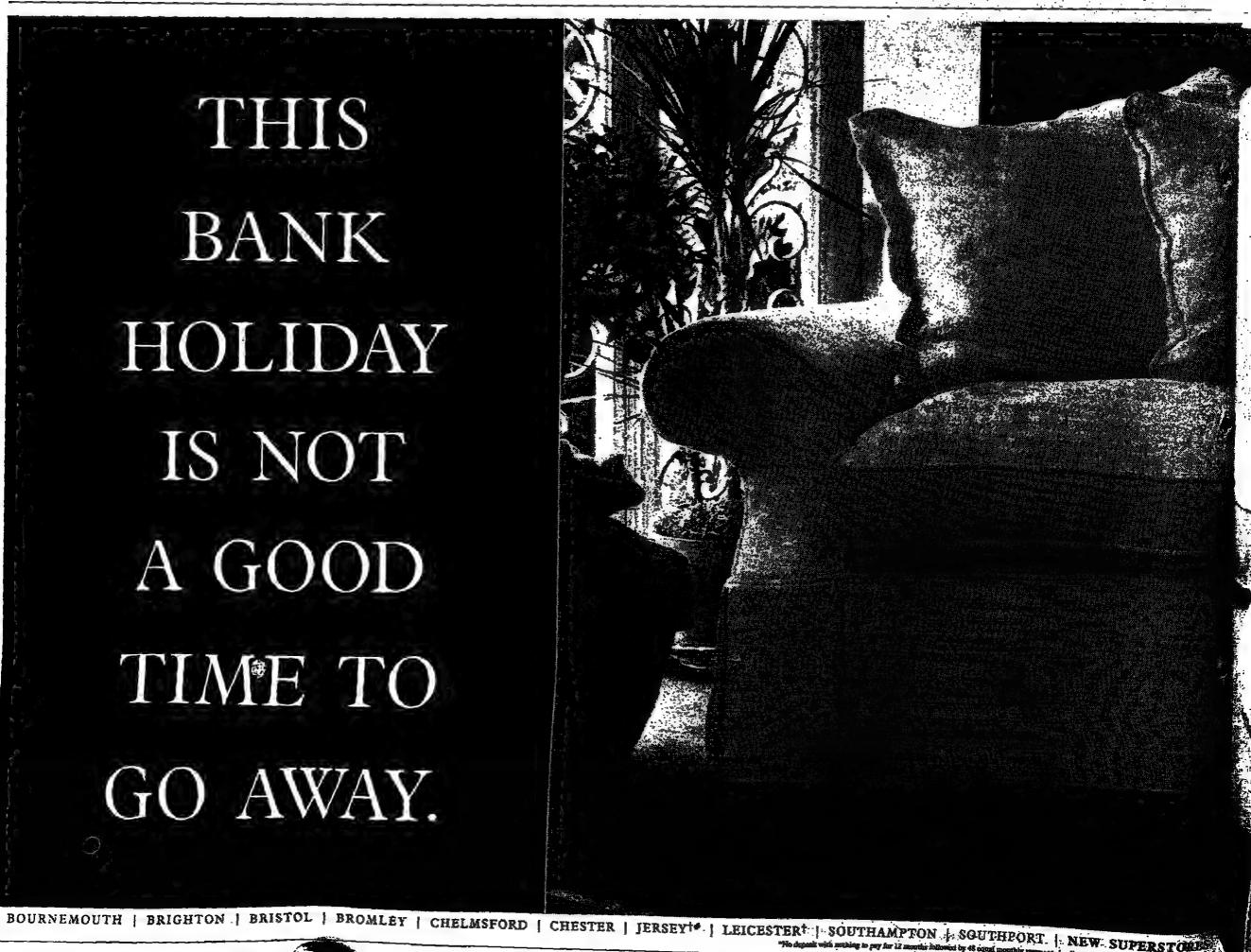
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Mr Justice S. Rajendran said that he dld not expect to issue a judgment in the case until next month.

The other ten plaintiffs, all top PAP members, have agreed to be bound by Mr Justice Rajendran's decision in the Prime Minister's case, Damages, if any, will be on a

The plaintiffs have already been awarded a total of \$\$5.6 million in damages against Mr. Tang for allegations by him. including those con-tained in the policy apports membered by Mr. leyarcham

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### Snow's lovechild leaves France cold

PETER SNOW'S discovery of his long-lost son from a dalliance 33 years ago with a Frenchwoman provoked passion in the British press, but in Paris the story raised just a

For here such behaviour is not merely approved but expected of the famous. Increasingly, an illegitimate child with a mysterious father is one of the best accessories around. Despite the moral crusade. surrounding the Pope's visit to Paris this weekend, the reality is that many of France's actresses, television presenters and politicians consider conceiving a child in wedlock rather dull, preferring DNA from a dashing donor who may, or may not, remain on the scene afterwards.

This month President Chirac endorsed more lax morals by being pictured on the front cover of Paris Match romping on the beach with his daughter, Claude, and illegitimate baby grandson, Martin Chirac. The child's father, a television producer, was well out of the picture.

Thus the story of Mr Snow's surprise "Hello Dad" phone call from the son he never knew he had was considered. rather mundane here. Jacques Colin, an editor at the Hello! style magazine Voici, could not have been less impressed with the "Peter Snow: I Have Secret Son, Swingometer Star Confesses" headline from the Mirror. This was a front-page story in Britain? Why? It certainly wouldn't have been a scandal here." The former Newsnight presenter had an affair on a Nile cruise in 1964



A broadcaster's love story titillated Britain but the French are used to celebrities' affairs, writes Kate Muir in Paris

with a French journalist named Sabine, producing a son, Matthieu, long before both his marriages. Sabine her surname has not been revealed - kept her pregnansecret and married a French lawyer, who brought

up Matthieu as his own child. All a common occurrence here, even among news presenters. Christine Ockrent has never married her son's father, Bernard Kouchner, the

6 Café society considers a man who has a child out of wedlock a superman ?

Minister, Claire Chazal, who presents the news on TFI, became a single mother two years ago, and while it was rumoured the father of her son was a male copresenter on TFL everyone was polite enough not to inquire. "Making a child is a proof of love. I want to protect my family and those I love," said Mrne Chazal cryptically.

These are delicate matters," said M Colin, whose magazine treads a fine Gallic

vate life. "What we publish depends on the attitude of the mother and the father. If the father does not want to be named, we usually accept that, unless, say, there is a paternity

case brought by the mother." M Colin said there was no question of the press judging such behaviour. "The French do not feel they have to say 'bravo' for every natural child, but nor are they shocked. tends to consider a man who produces a child out of wedlock something of a super-

There is a combination here of a peculiarly Catholic welcoming of the child when it is born, whatever the history beforehand, coupled with re-maining respect for la vie privée, rendering certain personal questions vulgar. Incursions by the media into private life are often invited: take the pictures of Mazarine, the late President Mitterrand's illegitimate daughter, again in Paris Match.

Biographers said the Presi-Britain, 35 per cent of mothers dent, knowing he had termiare unmarried. The demographer Hervé Le Bras, of L'École des Hautes nal cancer, wanted to reveal his daughter to the world Etudes, says: "It was not so before his death. Of course, long ago that pupils pointed most French journalists and fingers at the children of politicians knew of Mazarine, but the secret was easily kept divorced parents, and sadistic teachers mocked them. Today as a dinner-party rumour for

having divorced parents is completely ordinary, and the same attitude increasingly applies to illegitimacy."

The trail blazers on the single-mother scene here are French actresses, who produce illegitimate children almost as often as films. Isabelle Adjani, Emmanuelle Béart and Sophie Marceau each have two children, by a wide variety of fathers, and mostly live alone. Cathérine Deneuve led the way years before with her illegitimate daughter Chiarra

Although Mme Adjani has one older son, Barnabe, when she produced another with the disappearing (and later married) Daniel Day Lewis, she was pictured on the cover of various magazines with L'Homme de ma Vie — the man in my life - her new

baby, Gabriel-Kane. The father's name was mentioned, but his role was not discussed.

The closest French interviewers get to pinning down the dad is asking actresses: Vous êtes radiante. C'est l'amour? Of course it is love. answer the radiant actresses, but never reveal their sources. There is even a (bad French)

pop song about single mothers Jean-Jacques Goldman which became almost a battle anthem in the 1980s: "Elle a fait un bébé toute seule" (She made a baby alone).

It is a social trend which has benefited Mr Snow, who could not be more delighted about gaining a sixth child, and two grandchildren. "It is a lovely story and I feel very happy.

### **Japanese** to tackle gas bomb legacy

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

JAPANESE officials are struggling to cope with a nightmarish wartime legacy hundreds of thousands of poison gas shells left in China by its Imperial Army. Many of them are leaking, causing

death and injury.
When Ryutaro Hashimoto. the Japanese Prime Minister. visits Beijing next month he is expected to assure Chinese leaders that Japan is committed to disposing of the weapons within ten years. But experts say it lacks the knowhow to handle the operation. and is unlikely to meet the deadline, even with experienced personnel hired in Britain. Germany and America.

The weapons - mustard gas, lewisite and persper bombs — were brought to China in the 1930s when the Japanese Imperial Army occupied vast areas of the country's northeast. Japanese forces, in breach of international law, used chemical weapons more than 2,000

times during the Sino-Japa-nese war of 1937-1945. Last year a Japanese government team visiting Jilin province confirmed there were an estimated 700,000 chemical weapons there.

Negotiations foundered on Beijing's demand that Tokyo take the shells to neutralise them in Japan in accordance with the 1993 Chemical Weapons Convention, which obliges signatories to remove all chemical weapons left in other countries.

Japanese officials rejected the idea, knowing communities in Japan would bitterly oppose the building of a disposal plant. Beijing rejented in December, but the two nations have failed to agree on a Chinese location for the plant and its technology.

Professor Tsuneichl, a leading authority on the Imperial Army's chemical and germ warfare programmes, said: The whole operation could take 100 years or more."

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Peter Snow meets his son, Matthieu, 33 years after a liaison with a French journalist while cruising on the Nile

Versace: ashes guarded

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN MOME

THE tomb of Gianni Versace, the fashion designer mur-dered in Miami five weeks ago, is becoming an increasingly popular if ghoulish destiastion on the Italian tourist

After exploring the more traditional attractions of the great villas and gardens, hundreds of visitors to Lake Como, near the Swiss border, are making for the small village cemetery where Versace's ashes are kept. We are getting to the point

where we are under pressure to include Versace's tomb as a highlight of our advertised tour programmes," one Italian tour operator told Corriere della Sera. He said the small cemetery at Moltrasio was under siege every day from a growing number of tourists. "Most are German and Japanese, but we also get French,

English and, of course, Italian sightseers turning up," one of the cemetery guards said. The tomb is protected by

almost 20 years. The term

batard - bastard - is rarely heard now, reduced from an

insult to a banality. The num-

bers of unmarried mothers

are on the increase in France:

40 per cent now, compared to

per cent 15 years ago. In

electronic alarms and security guards, both paid for by Versace's brother and sister. It has been under guard 24 hours a day after an attempt this month by a lone thief to steal the urn containing the late designer's ashes.

The robber used a chisel to cut through the heavy chain on the tomb door, but set off an electronic alarm before he could seize the urn. He ran off. A man, 48, from Udine has confessed to the police, saying that he carried out the attack at the behest of Albanian criminals who had intended to demand a ransom from the

Versace family for the return

The designer was murdered outside his mansion at Miami South Beach on July 15 by Andrew Cunanan, the alleged homosexual serial killer who

of the ashes.

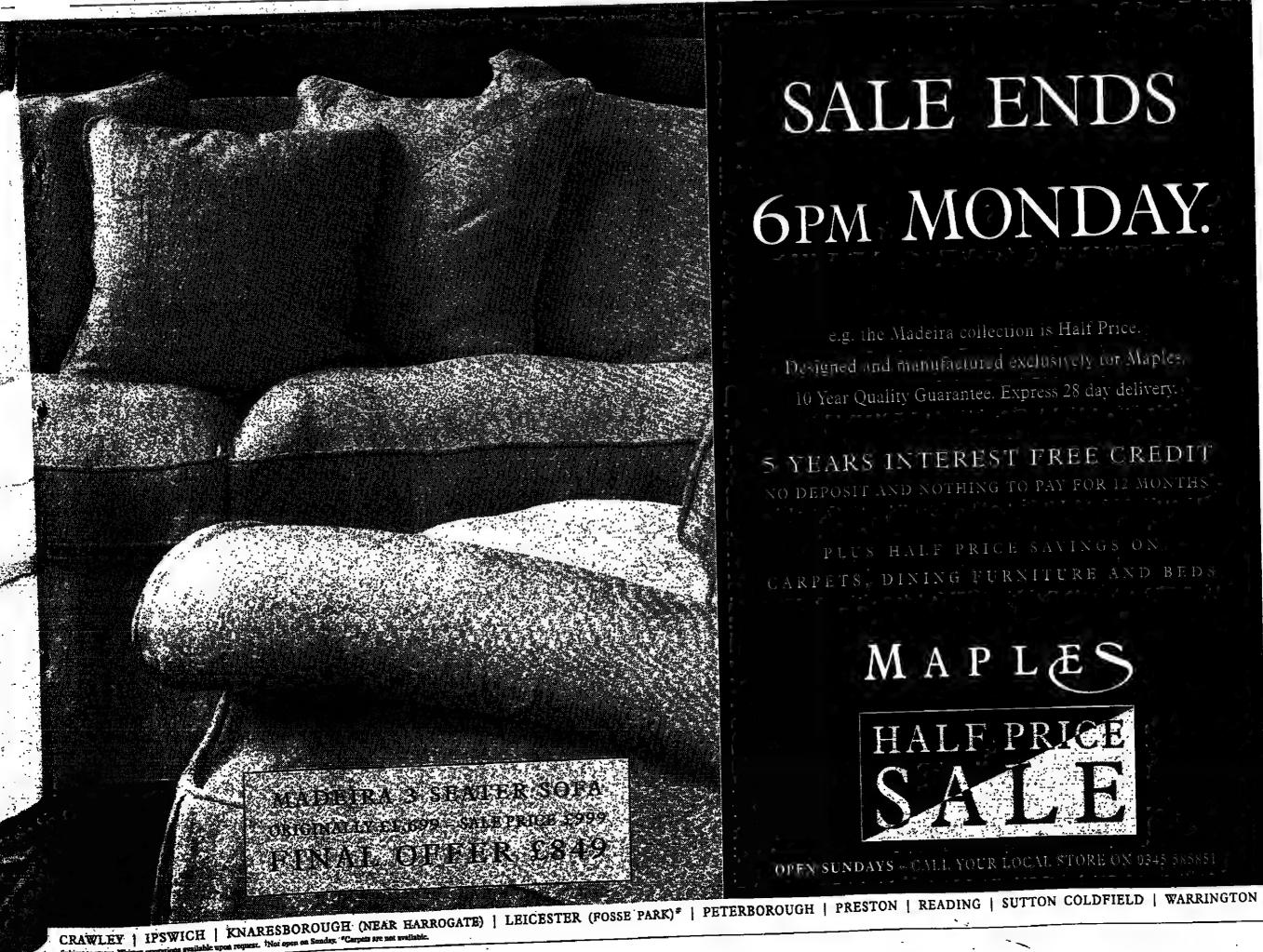
Fashion-conscious tourists trek to Versace tomb was himself found dead a few days later. In Florida yesterday, the

Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale reported that only one of two builets that killed Versace entered at the back of his head, not both as first thought. That means that possibly he saw his killer as he was shot ☐ Jail for vandal: The ring-

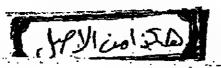
leader of a group of three unemployed men who vandalised a Bernini fountain in Rome was sentenced to three

months in prison yesterday and ordered to pay costs and damages, although it is not clear how he will pay.

Sebastiano Intili, 43, said he would appeal and his defence lawyers said they would counter-sue for "moral and material damages" because Intili hurt his foot while trying to dive from the back of a sea monster in the Fountain of the Four Rivers in Piazza Navona. His two co-defendants were



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### Top crime novelist in Russia hates violence and leaves her police uniform in the wardrobe

### Marina's literary killing

selling books. Lieutenant-Colonel Marina Alekseyeva seems at first glance out of place in the male-dominated world of Russian law enforcement.

She does not carry a gun. hates violence and leaves her grey police uniform hanging in the office wardrobe, to be brought out on ceremonial occasions. However, any thought that she does not know her way around the complex workings of crime and punishment in modern Russia will

Academy, where young police cadets snap briskly to attention before her. This summer Colonel Alekseyeva's thrillers, written under the pseudonym

AT THIS time of year no meal in Russia is complete without a plate of freshly

picked mushrooms, considered by many

to be the best accompaniment to vodka.

But the country's favourite dish comes at

be quickly dispelled by dipping into any

of 18 detective novels or by watching her

walk to work at the Interior Ministry

MOSCOW FILE by RICHARD BEESTON

> Aleksandra Marinina, have dominated the best-seller list, at one point in July hogging six places among the Top Ten hardback fiction titles and five places in the paperback list, with a total of six million copies sold.

> To be honest, after working for 15 years in the police force, crime reports leave me bored stiff," said the writer, who co-authored her first book to help a friend and has never looked back. "What interests me, what brings my novels

Fungi lovers' terrible pickle of Russians invade their local forests on mushroom-picking expeditions. No Russian would dare admit that he could not tell the difference between a toadstool and an edible mushroom, a fact confirmed by the 344 cases of poisoning this year, which have so far claimed 35 lives.

passions of the criminal mind." Certainly her heroine Nastya Kamenskaya is no supercop, just a middle-ranking criminal analyst in the homicide department of Moscow's main Petrovka police station - a character, the author admits, is based

loosely on herself. Part of her success is her ability to accurately reflect the blurred dividing line between good and bad in modern Russia.

In her books the police are often depicted as incompetent or corrupt, and in Accidental Killer Kamenskaya relies on the help of a mafia boss to solve the crime. Critics charge that her novels depart from reality only when murderers are caught and sent to prison - a rarity in modern Russia.

Although the stories might be regarded as a bit too close to the truth for her superiors, she insists that everything she writes is completely fictional. So far the authorities have not made any com-plaints about the celebrity in their ranks, and General Anatoli Kulikov, the Minister of the Interior, personally presented Colonel Alekseyeva with the little known literary award for the "best book by a police officer in 1995".



### Chaste designs on power by Virgin Party

RUSSIAN women have good grounds to lament their poor representation in parliament and government, and a new political movement launched exclusively for them is unlikely to redress the imbalance. To the sniggers of male spectators and curiosity, verging on disbelief, of women guests, the All-Russian Virgin Party held its first public meeting at a Moscow nightclub this

In a country where women boast of having one of the most active sex lives in the world, the chances of the party becoming a mass movement are slim. In two years of recruiting, it has managed to attract a meagre 12 members, who must be chaste and over 18.

"I realised that at the age of 25 it was getting late to lose my virginity, so I resolved never to lose it," said Elizaveta Lavinskaya, the president, who despite her well-publicised position still has to fend off the advances of her countrymen. As for new applicants, Ms Lavinskaya said that they did not need to prove that they were virgins to join, because feminine intuition would root out any false applicants: "I can tell by their faces

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FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

A NEW British meat scare swept through Germany yesterday as Hamburg police investigated the origins of gled and perhaps infected beef. hundreds of tonnes of smug-

Labskaus, the north German speciality which mixes beef, herring, onlons, potatoes and fried egg, was removed from shop shelves, and throughout the country sausage meat was being checked

by inspectors. The trigger for the latest scandal was the arrest of a Hamburg dealer who had imported 616 tonnes of beef. The authorities claim the meatcame from Britain, in defiance of Germany's comprehensive import ban, but the businessman says the meat came from

The shipment, which police forces say may point to an international web dealing with British beef suspected of being infected with "mad cow"

called for tightening of cusdisease, has put other regions of Germany on the alert. toms controls. In Hesse, 400 kg of suspect-It is still not clear whether all the meat being discovered

ed British beef sausages have slipped into the shops and the local authorities say the meat has probably been eaten. Some illegally imported meat appears to have been sold to Turkish shops in Frankfurt, and some has found its way to Bavaria, where Gunter Dickhaut, president of the

Hamburg to Dresden and then to Uzbekistan. More than Meat Federation, yesterday Penthouse settlement

The question was whether darnaged children.

Bonn: Helmut Kohl robbed Germany of a summer speciacle by settling out of court with the German edition of Penthouse (Roger Boyes writes). The men's magazine had incurred the German leader's wrath by publishing a carroon case after a financial settle-of his wife, Harmelore, posing ment. Informed sources sugaimost naked over the bonnet ... gest that about £25,000 may be. BSE-nation Britain is being of a government limousine. . . . paid to a charity for brain-

that represented an infringement of the Chancellor's right to privacy and a personal insult, as claimed by his lawyers, or whether Penthouse was within its rights to mock a leader. The Kohis dropped the

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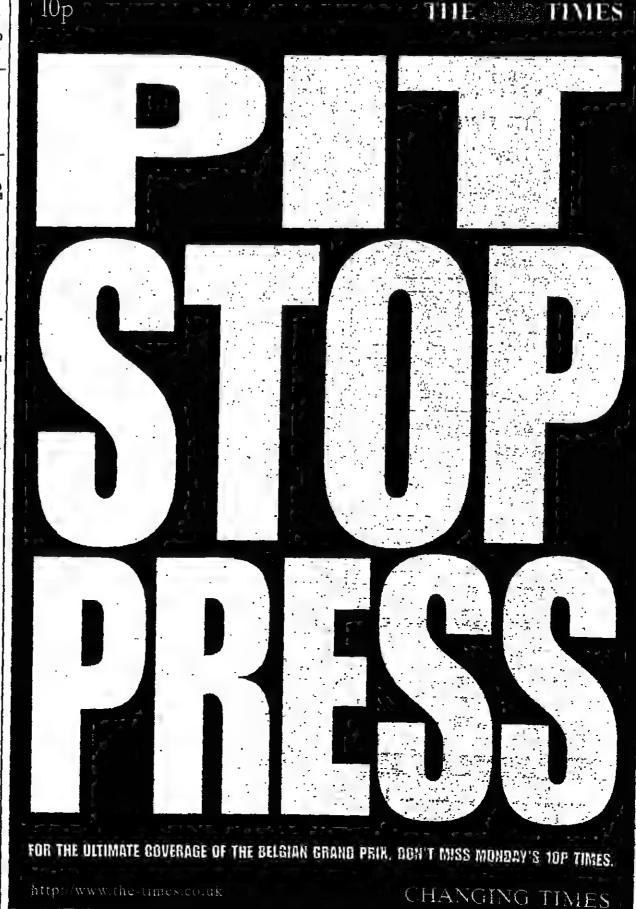
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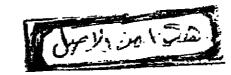
The suspicion of the cusderives from the Hamburg toms officers was aroused by the unusually low prices: to ferry meat across Western Europe to Uzbekistan and still make a profit suggests the purchase price was low. That ments show that a large in turn has prompted investi-gators to believe that the meat may have come from BSE-

suspected herds. The assumption is that 120 tonnes of the meat stayed in Germany. Some of it like the labskaus was tinned and there is still time to warn off consumers. But the meat that was sold for grilling or frying has been swallowed. The press was outraged yesterday. Many feared it nobody knew, now it's certain," said the Hamburg Abendblatt. "Illegally. smuggled : beef from processed and eaten here by

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t has been the most impas sioned argument about art in Britain this year. It has resulted in a world-famous artist being sent packing by an English seaside town. And it has serious implications for those who like to foist "public art" -- generally meaning inscrutable sculpture in unavoidable locations - on a public that hates the stuff.

Yet unless you live in west Cumbria you will probably not have heard a word about the affair. So let's enjoy the story of how little Whitehaven snubbed the renowned Eduardo Chillida ("the most celebrated living Spanish artist" - Sunday Times).

Three years ago Whitehaven's local authority. Copeland Borough Council, concocted a wonderful where to bring El million of subsidy to this area of run-down industries. It focused on redeveloping the harbour to attract tourists. particularly cyclists setting off on the new "C2C" sculpture trail across northern England.

But to qualify for the desired subsidies, Whitehaven needed to Take that eyesore off our seafront

cómmission a big, "important" piece of public art. Well, somebody probably one of those shadowy "consultants" that hover like flies whenever the honeypot of public largesse is opened -- came up with the name of Chillida.

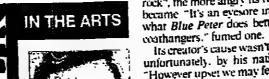
The great sculptor was contacted. First he played hard to get, then he changed his mind several times about which site he and his pet architect wanted to "enhance". Finally he produced a small model of a work he called Besarkada ("Embraced") which he intended to build - a massive 18ft high and

15ft across - right on the shore. At this point, the local council made two mistakes. The first was to put the model on display, invite comments, and even conduct a poll on the merits of Chillida's vast steel T-shape. A terrible blunder! As a damning Policy Studies Institute report on public art noted wryly a few years ago, the classic

consult" the public. Thus is Antony Gormley's giant Angel being imposed on the underwhelmed citizens of Gateshead, and David Mach's eccentric Train on bemused shoppers in Darlington.

And the second error? That was to declare that the sculpture could serve as a "homage" to the 104 miners who lost their lives in the town's terrible William Pit disaster, which occurred 50 years ago this month.

Well, the people of Whitehaven looked at the model of Chillida's steel blob, weighed it against the magnitude of the tragedy it was supposedly commemorating, and found it wanting. To be specific, they found it ghastly, ludicrous, insulting — and, at a reported cost of £300,000, grossly overpriced. It looked like "a prototype of the first hip replacement," declared one correspondent to the Whitehaven





RICHARD MORRISON

News. Others likened it to a gallows, a "chunk of "crap", and a 50-ton seaguil roos: ".

And the more that the council wittered on about the "special irony" of Chillida's sculpture rising like a phoenix from the slag

rock", the more angry its residents became "It's an evesore unitating what Blue Peter does better with

its creator's cause wasn't helped, unfortunately, by his nationality. However upset we may feel about Spanish fishermen, can we all try to remember that this artist is not one of them," one kindly soul implored - but in vain. The general tone was implacably hostile. One lady, clearly Cumbria's answer to William McGonagall, spoke her mind in verse:

Eduardo Chillida may have

admirers.

And some of his works are a gem. But surely, even he must admit, This is not one of them.

All summer the barrage has continued. True, one or two locals saw some sense in the council's argument that since nobody in

big sculpture from Chillida before (I wonder why not), the thing would add to the stock of local attractions" - and also, of course, attract buckets of dosh from the EU, Northern Arts, the lottery and various other gullible parties. And as one resident noted, once the sculpture was erected it could have practical uses: "We could throw a fisherman's net over it and grow

things like runner beans." But when the vote came, it was crushing: \$7 per cent against. So last week little Copeland council told the great Chillida that his services were no longer required. Oddly, this is the second time that the Basque genius has recently been rebuffed. Last year his plan to hollow out a mountain in the Canaries as a "sculpture to tolerance" foundered when locals became, well, strangely intolerant

Anyway, in Whitehaven the

council is putting on a brave face. The response we have had to the sculpture is the best feedback we have ever had about anything," an excited spokesman said last week. Which only goes to show: modern art certainly gets people talking. And now they don't even have to

fork out £300,000 to pay for it. Nevertheless the Whitehaven Affair poses fundamental questions for the subsidised arts industry. Should the public be consulted. Whitehaven-style, before every big public-art decision? To deny any democratic participation in a process involving lots of public money and prominent publie sites smacks of dictatorship. Yet if all cultural decisions are subjected to mob rule, art wouldn't progress at all. Tricky. Perhaps Chris Smith, the "people's Culture

Secretary", has a view. A competition will now decide who gets Whitehaven's commission. Avant-garde sculptors should probably not waste a stamped addressed envelope. The smart money in Whitehaven is on a nice statue of a mermaid.

**COMEDY:** Hettie Judah on the Perrier Award nominees

### Familiar fizz falls flat

t is unpleasantly symbol-ic that while the Edin-burgh comedy festival is sponsored by those key-notes of rock n'roll joy, cigarettes and alcohol; the comedy awards are given in the name of an inappropriately ascetic fizzy water. For the pre-nomination formight, the festival is a chaotic celebration of comedy and comedians, but from the Perrier source spring bubbles of rivalry and resentment.

it may be great publicity and commercial gold dust for the nominees, but the nominations are made so early in the festival that the element of hit and miss, so important when discovering new acts, is removed. Comedians are also discouraged from bringing new work to the Fringe by the fear that panel members will view work still in develop-

Possibly reflecting the lack of fresh talent on the Fringe, rules for nomination, hitherto restricted to the up-and-coming, now seem to be entirely improvised. The list for 1997 includes only one unknown, a



television presenter, a nominee from last year, the winner of the 1996 best newcomer award and a group of three.

So who is likely to scoop the Big One, when the winners are announced at midnight? Sketch ensemble The League of Gentlemen mine a particularly dark seam of humour. At their best and most disturbing. the scenario is played out in a vacuum of ambiguity, the audience thrown into the middle of a scene without knowing whether the action takes place in this world or the next, what the relationship is between the characters, and indeed whether they are male or female. Ar .

their worst they resemble the unedited out-takes of a student improvisation workshop. The plethora of middle-aged homosexuals portrayed are all too much like Withnail and I's Uncle Monty and the jokes are overstated to the point where circumstantial punchlines are presented over and over again. But there are moments of sheer genius, in particular the scene in which an 18th-century salonier wagers his soul to Mephistopheles over non-

sense card games. This is what we dreamt of as kids, isn't it? Staying up late and laughing at our own jokes," mused last year's best newcorner, Milton Jones. There is a charming childishness to Jones's humour, but it relies quite heavily on whether or not the audience wants to come out to play. He has a good battery of one-liners Apparently all Chinese children who play the piano know a tune called Knife and Fork" and an unusual collection of anthropomorphic characters. including a 10p piece: "I may. look like small change to you, but pobody has to hold me up to the light to see if I'm

Graham Norton, a familiar face and voice from television and radio, doles out a brand of queeny humour that makes progressive women of a certain age giggle pinkly and say: "Ooh, isn't he naughty." Last year his act included phoning numbers from gay personal ads; this year he placed an ad himself, looking for "exhibitionists wanting a good time, possibly with others watching . Mercifully, no one called. Despite warning the audience that "at some time in the show there might be some 'lan-guage'," Norton never went



Perrier Award organiser Nica Burns (third from left) gets roped into an appropriately wild and wacky photocall with the nominees for 1997

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### Light shines on a dark epic

WEDNESDAY night's Sibelius Prom was keenly awaited. with the London premiere of the recently rediscovered Wood Nymph and a rare performance here of the great

choral epic, Kullervo. it was Osmo Vanskā who brought The Wood Nymph to attention with a highly praised recording last year. The tone poem is as impressive as it is attractive, as Vānskā showed once again in his performance with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. It features characteristically Sibelian build-ups: subtly changing figuration on strings, oscillating woodwind, noble brass.

The ending is stark, however, looking forward to the sombre world of the Kalevala epic also evoked in Kullervo. The national myth drew from Sibelius a mighty symphonic poem in five movements, an hour and a quarter long. The story, narrated largely by a male ensemble - here the well-drilled Helsinki University Male Chorus - is brutally simple. Kullervo entices a golden-haired maiden into his sledge, and they spend the night together before realising that they are long-lost brother and sister. Kullervo's sister feels obliged to drown herself. while Kullervo impales him-

self on his sword. The mood of the music is almost unrelentingly dark, but the young Sibelius sustains it with unerring skill. Vanskā shaped the epic structure to an overpowering conclusion. Jukka Rasilainen and Kirsi Tithonen were the baritone and soprano soloists.

### **BBC PROMS**

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Al Murray, the Pub Land-

lord, is a veteran nominee with a faultiessly funny and intelli-

gent show. This man walks on

ager, and frankly deserves to

win. Life being illogical and unfair, he probably won't. Murray's hottest competition

comes in the rotund form of

Johnny Vegas, Bernard Man-

ning with a potter's wheel and

this year's only true comic

and a bisexual is about to pints of lager" school of nudge

breaking.

A recently released recording of Brahms symphonies by Sir Charles Mackerras, using an authentic-sized orchestra (the Scottish Chamber Orchestra) and paying attention to historical performance practice, led one to expect a similar approach in Mackerras's Brahms Four on Thursday night. However, the London Philharmonic seemed little reduced, and I could detect few changes from the norm.

And yet there was one crucial difference, for Mackerras adopted an elasticity of beat known to be prevalent in the 19th century but generally abandoned today. Frequent rubati, hesitations both minute and palpable, and overall suppleness of rhythm created a marvellously expressive reading.

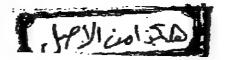
For Schubert's Symphony No 3 in D a gesture towards period instruments was made in the form of natural trumpets and hard sticks for the timpani. Whatever the reason for the compromise, the performance - both rhythmically alert and sweetly lyrical - was wholly convincing.

Appropriate as it was to hear three Schubert songs orchestrated by Brahms, it was Berlioz's brilliantly imaginative scoring of Erlkönig that stole the show - especially with Thomas Allen animating the various roles in so electrifying a manner.

> BARRY MILLINGTON



THE SUNDAY TIMES IS THE SUNDAY PAPERS



### Buried riches of the Treasury

Keep the heart of Whitehall public

- and open, says Giles Worsley

It was

designed

to hold one

ith little fuss, the Government has taken advantage of the summer recess to abandon one of the more doctrinaire legacies of the Conservative administration: selling off the heart of the Civil Service, the Treasury building on the corner of

Parliament Square and Whitehall. If ever a building was meant to house government ministries, it is this, lying as it does at the centre of Whitehall, its foursquare Classical respectability glowering across Parliament Square at the Gothic extravaganza of the Palace of Westminster, while its pumpous entrance front guards the approach to Downing Street on Whitehall.

Designed in 1898 as the New Public Offices by J.M Brydon and H. Tanner, the Treasury building is a reminder of that golden moment of Edwardian imperial confidence when even the British Government was prepared to abandon its habitual parsimony and build handsomely.

With its elaborate Baroque towers punctuating Westminster's skyline and its rich Classical elevations, the building is a familiar backdrop to Londoners and tourists alike, but for those privileged enough to get security passes the real delight is to penetrate to the core. Here its great circular court. modelled on the Whitehall Pulace built by Iniga Jones for Charles I. is one of the linest unknown public

spaces in London. The Treasury has always suffered from politicians trying to use it to score political points. After all, the department it houses lies at the nerve centre of government, so what better way to set a public example? Thus in the 1960s, when politi-

cians thought that Britain could be a modern nation only if it swept away its past through comprehensive redevelopment, the Treasury was to have been demolished. Along with much of the rest of historic Whitehall, it was to make way for a monolithic series of concrete ministries then seen to symbolise the latest in go-ahead government. Mercifully, the public outery was too great and the scheme was abundoned.

Instead, the Government set about improving the existing buildings, triumphantly so in the case of the neighbouring Foreign and Commonwealth Office, whose 16year restoration was completed carlier this year.

Here a pragmatic grasp of what was essential in a modern office tchiefly excellent telecommunications, rather than architectural modernity) was combined with sensitive conservation policies. The result was a greatly improved huilding which had more office space, but which also revealed the full glory of the rich interiors for the first time in half a century. And all for significantly less than the cost of a new building. What is more, in a break with traditional 200 erement scoredy, the interiors will be accessihie to the public -- in time at numbers - during Heritage Oren Days next month.

The Government then decided

Treasury. Like most buildings coming up to their centenary, it needs a major overhaul. It has never been properly rewired, the basement is prone to flooding, there are probents with the concrete diaphragm structure, and, like many public offices, ad-hoc alterations have compromised the original design.

A temporary exile south of the river was planned while the building was brought up to modern standards. Sir Norman Foster. famed for his sensitive integration of old and the new in historic buildings, at the Royal Academy's Sackler Galleries and now in Berlin at the Reichstag, was employed as architect. English Heritage was brought in in advise on what parts of the building should be sacro-sanct and which could be more radically altered. With an excess of dull, early 20th-century corridors to play with, it proved more amenable

than might have been expected. But ideological fervour clouded the picture. The Conservative Government's Private Finance Initiative (PFI), the cornerstone of its attempt to shift the balance of public infrastructure funding on to the private sector, was proving hard to get going. How better to prove that PFI could work than by turning the Treasury redevelopment into a PFI project? So the decision was taken to sell off the Treasury building to a public

consortium. This would then remodel the building and lease part of it back to the Treasury while turning the rest over to private use — a hotei was mentioned although luxury flats were the favoured solution when the scheme was dropped.

ministry All this has now been abandoned. Yet again the Treasury seems to be political football, this time because an economical Chancellor of the Exchequer does not want the Treasury to be seen engaging in expensive building works when he is trying to draw a tight rein on

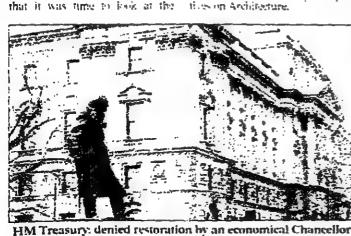
public expenses. Today the Treasury has no idea what will happen to its building. but though modernisation can be postponed, it cannot be abandoned. At least any new proposals can start with a clean sheet, without the absurd compromise of giving over a substantial part of one of the key Whitehall ministries to luxury flats The Government should begin by examining how the building could suit its brouder needs. It was never designed to hold one monolithic ministry but to house a number of different departments, each with

As modern ministries shrink to relatively small central elements, this original concept should be revived. If the Treasury does not need all the building, then other ministerial offices should take up the redundant space, not flats for imperant millionaires. And if the re-reganisation could again open up the central court to the public and provide occasional access to the grand moms, we would all benefit.

their own entrance, grand rooms

and offices.

The author is Editor of Perspec-



### A vegetarian has contracted the 'new' CJD — but Simon Barnes won't change his principles

hat, then, is the point of being a vegetarian? The sad tale of Clare Tomkins, the vegetarian who has contracted BSE, or mad cow disease has naturally attracted a good deal of attention; a strange and frightening story of a strange and frightening disease.

Ms Tomkins has been a vegetarian for 12 years. Has she been wasting her time? Is vegetarianism now a proven fallacy? Does the tale of poor Ms Tornkins mean that egerarianism has exploded?

Perhaps it does, but to tell the truth. I don't give a damn one way or the other. I have been a vegetarian since 1976, and I will carry on being one. I will carry on even if scientists prove conclusively that vezetarianism is frightfully bad for you. And if they add that beef is the only truly healthy food known to mankind. I still won't eat it.

I suspect that Ms Tomkins would hold the same view. She has always been, like most vegetarians, an assiduous reader of labels, never one to let her guard slip and have some biscuit-maker slip a scruple of animal fat into her elevences, Mad extremism, said the noneggie. But it is just an aspect of taking a logical, ethical position.

Do you do it for your health? I have been asked that question times without number? It is a A meatless diet isn't healthy — just wise

irrelevant as mystifying. What has my health to do with the matter?

There are plenty of vegetarian convenience foods, and I eat them when it is convenient to do so, Perhaps they are better for you than foot-long Coney Island hot dogs. Perhaps they are worse. It is a matter of indifference to me.

Are you just terribly squeamish, then? Again, a question that has nothing to do with the case. In fact, I am not like the sensitive Monty in the film Withnail and I - "as a boy. I used to weep in butcher's shops". In my carnivorous days [ loved to eat the inner organs of beasts. My steaks were warm rather than cooked, cold blood pudding was a favourite lunch, and my treat of treats was sweetbreads.

These days I prefer to slay the fatted aubergine. I could not find it in my heart to kill a cow, butcher it and eat it - rather like Alice on being introduced to the pudding -

question I find not so much therefore it is logical that I don't get somebody else to do it and then pretend it didn't happen. I have more respect - at least for the logic -of the shooting man who will kill. skin, clean and cook his own tabbit than for the squeamish hamburger

eater who can't bear the thought of .

tripe and onions. is it just because you like animals? This is a question that tends to get asked rather eagerly. for to say "yes, I do" is at once to label oneself a sentimentalist, an anthropomorphiser, a person who has abandoned logic for the cuddliness of the bunny-wunnies. If the person is male, he is a wimp, unworthy of his sex. His moral stance can, therefore, be rejected out of hand.

I do like animals, as it happens, but I travel to all kinds of wild places to be among them. Wimp that I am, I have walked unarmed into an angry lion, on another occasion a charging elephant. I

keep animals, too. A pair of nonvegetarian cats and two horses: I. have no objection to administering the occasional whack to a horse that seems to need it, either. I love being with my beasts, but they have nothing to do with my vegetarianism.

Deter Singer, the ethical phi-losopher, wrote the groundbreaking Animal Liberation

a discredited phrase since it has been adopted as an extremist slogan. But Singer's notion of the expanding circles of concern humankind moving progressively beyond family, beyond tribe, beyond nation, beyond race and now beyond species - anchors a vege tarian's stance to the solidity of

rational argument. And Singer himself insists that he is no pussy and dog-eat-dog man himself. He does not want pets cluttering the place up. We can dispose of the canard that vegetari-

ans care more about animals than ans care more about animals than people. Meanwhile, some of the soppiest, animal-daft people you could meet live off meat pies. The entire issue of sentimentality is just another red herring.

You do not have to be sentimental to find cruelty disturbing. The cruelties of modern animal husbandry do not bear thinking about

bandry do not bear thinking about - so people normally don't think about them. The thought of the debeaking machine would rather take

the edge off coq au vin. Does an animal have rights? Well, I don't think a dog has a right to vote, nor a horse to send its foal to a decent school. But a domestic animal has, I think, a right to a decent life. A chicken has a right to a beak and the use of its legs - a

right denied in battery farming. People think that everything to do with vegetarianism is to do with sentiment — with the abnegation of reason. The very opposite is true. Let us go back to the Age of Reason itself and to Jeremy Bentham, the

utilitarian philosopher. People suggest, he said, that we have the right to do as we please with an animal — beat it, kill it, eat it - because it is less intelligent than a man. But a horse, he said, is far more conversant and intelligent than an idiot child, and we would not beat an idiot child. No, he said, the right question is not: can they think, but: can they suffer?

### Nightmare on a bare mountain

Sheep subsidies are ruining Cader

The cliffs of Cader Idris are sliding downhill. The summit is failing towards the sea. I have climbed Britain's most beautiful mountain

most years since boy hood, and each time it has deteriorated. This year the change seems faster than ever. Cader is rare among British mountains in having the form and aspect of an Alp. Two great volcanic scoops, or cwms, are filled north and south with deep lakes from which 1.000ft cliffs rise sheer and high. Like its sister Snowdon to the north, Cader has a topography similar to Everest. As children we even gave its features Everest names: the loefall, the Western Cwm. the South Col. The dark

sweep of Cambrian rock and slate that rises from Llyn-y-Cau on the Tal-y-Llyn side, delighted artists of the picturesque. It produced Richard Wilson's masterpiece at the Tute. In the 19th century, the Dolgeliau guide built a stone hut

the summit and sold refreshments to climbers. Perhaps because it is 70% short of the magic 3.600. Cader is

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with visitors. We added rocks each year to the summit calm to help it to great higher. The charms of the great Showden ranges to the north are thunkfully more popular than the isolated beaks of Mid Wales's

Bala Fault Walking Snewden in high season, as in the Pennines and the Lukys, you at," den find yourself held up in a casue, penned in hy steps and femals, how can still reach the top of Cader most days and endounter on more than a dozen.

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Idris, the loveliest peak in Wales glory of this climb is that it gains height early and thus offers the longest walk at altitude. On a (rare)

clear day, the whole of Cardigan Bay is laid out to the west. Yet even here erosion threatens. Every section of the path is changing for the worse. In the wooded ravine, steps have had to be inserted to stop the hill becoming a mudslide. On the scramble up to the saddle, huge rocks have been deposited by helicopter on to what was an earth truck. One scree has thus been created to prevent

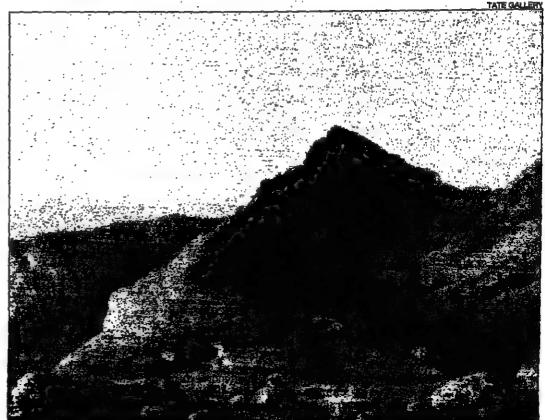
another, turning a walk into a footbruising scramble. The slope to the summit is now a iong scree, as thousands of feet dislodge tens of thousands of stones over the years. Wilson's view of Cader would now show its dark flanks streaked with tears, where walkers have worn away the topsoil and spread narrow paths into

> is as drastic as the change in the ecology. I am no expert in detecting sedge and saxifrage decline or marking the fate of skylarks. lapwings, curiews, plovers and pipits l only know what I used to see and

can no longer. Cader was once a mountain with a coat of heather, bilberry and moss. interspersed with thick tufts of grass - what botanists call dwarfhrub heath. This rose above a tree line of hawthorn, hazel, birch and seruh nak, with below it thicker bands of oak and gine. The climb to the summit was thus a progress through layers of flora. The mountain grew wilder under foot. We picnicked off hilberries and could trace the passage of automn in the onlours of the heather.

Cader is no longer heather-clad but on its way to being a lawn, a sweeping moneralture of acid grassland above a "true-line" of poisoneus rhodulandron. The reasun is sheep. These are not any sheep, not sheep needed for food and clothing, but your sheep and mine. E30-subsidy-a-band sheep. Sheep Annual Premium Scheme

There are now I! million sheep in Wales, four times the human population and more than ever in natura. When I first walked these hills, local farmers said they were "currying" ever lower sheep disap-



Llyn-y-Cau, Cader Idris by Richard Wilson (1714-82): sheep and walkers have ravaged this view

pearing in favour of the more efficient southern hemisphere. Welsh farming would depend on cattle and tourism. I cannot recall any sheep on the tops of Cader.

That was before Common Agricultural Policy protection and subsidy. Farmers are not just paid by the taxpayer to put sheep back on to the hills, they are paid per capita. At high density - in places as high as a sheep per acre - sheep are ecologically rapacious. They will eat anything, and find young heather and tree shoots specially

They graze close to the ground, leaving it a bright green baize table. The Snowdon National Park has lost enough upland to conifer farming. It is now losing its surviving heathland to sheep. (A crazy scheme to compensate farmers for farming fewer sheep in sensitive" areas costs un estimated £3,000 per sheep removed.)

Yet to give all this money direct to farmers, leaving the landscape to recenerate, is ruled to be beneath their dignity. Farmers would appear to be carning money for

The contrast between the Welsh mountains today and 30 years ago is stark. An ecologist has fenced off a half-acre enclosure in the Llyn-yCau cwm, leaving the vegetation for some years now to grow undisturbed by sheep. The enclosure bursts with a profusion of grasses, heathers, mosses and bilberries, it is a sumptuous, tragic memorial to the botany of Cader ldris, dead courtesy of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The dwarf-shrub heaths of Wales are becoming the upland equivalent of East Anglia's arable prairies. This is not in deference to sophisticated market economics or to modern techniques of food production. The only money in sheep is subsidy, money direct from the taxpayer, suborned by politicians too weak to stand up to the hill-farm lobby.

Mountain ecology is being ruined as an act of policy. A small amount of public money is spent each year (through the National Park) to keep Cader Idris accessible: and beautiful. A larger amount is being spent wrecking it.

Nor is that all. The view from the summit of Cader used to be of rolling uplands and of no manmade intrasion beyond a smudge of smoke above villages. Today every vista is afflicted by the dark. stain of Forestry Enterprise (for-merly Commission) confer plantations, spread without respect for contour or water acidity across southern Snowdonia. East towards

felling whole hillsides, leaving the landscape raped: and desertified. This quango is like the World Bank It uses public money to punish the ecology and leaves its image to public relations. The view south is marred by yet

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another government activity: power stations crected with Weish Office permission land tax subsidies) along the Cemmaes Ridge prominence. More towers rise above Lianidioes. These power stations are termed "wind farms" for public relations. It makes them no less hideous, and indeed more intrusive (because mobile) even than cooling towers. I am told that Friends of the Earth approve of them. They are no friends of this

ader idris, the "chair of Idris", recalls a Welsh bardic king killed by Sax-on invaders in the 7th century. It is one of Wales's mystic seats of poetry. A legend that greatly appealed to the Romantics held that anyone spending a night on the mountain would come down either a poet or mad. Few dared take the risk.

At present you need not spend the night. You can climb Cader in daylight - and be sure to come down maddened.

### Alarm call

1 o Collins and other distinguished residents of Belgravia are to be asked in wear personal alone systems around their next, at all times amid fears for tour salety.

The alarms worm on given necklaces, are to be is sued to serior residents living around Euton and Belgrave Squares. The matative. from Westminster practs inflows the recent spate of Roles robbers in the month to discuss their

lies" in the area this year, in which well-heeled foculs, including Machael Green, the diacrm in of Catillin Communications, were muzzed outside their homes. Eldern neddepts in the locality, where a short lease on a one-bedroom flat airmost up to \$1 million, have been sent deter warning them that an interviewer from the market revenedagency MORI will be calling later



Diamonds: Joan Collins



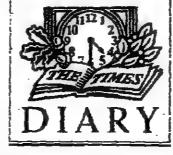
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#### Voices off

THE Royal Opera House may be closed but that haster supped folittle only though a partition will be given a job on the board when more than haif of me present directors a me to though of their mars of due to the mention me dust few position. The house by to that the many think of Kery Bremoer will be heard are una fre in unlicorn table. With the Origin House keen to shed



its eliest marge. Bremmer, who is a regular in the Crush Bar on first mights, is a popular choice with many staff. "He really knows his stuff," says one, "Board meetings, would be much joiller with Rery

### Losing face

EVEN in Los Angeles, where insignificant bispart IV actors are resered like minor dentes, roudworks take account of no one. The Walk of Fame, the passement on Hollswood Confevard encrusted with the broaze star plaques of the silver screen's great and good, is to be repord up so that a ratiway manel project can be completed. Transport officials plan to demolish 122 of the plaques, including those he-

Mickey Rooney and Danny Kave. Originally the city's Metropoliian Transport Authority promised carefully to remove each of the Afr by 3h plaques and store them for relaying later. Now they are to remove just the performer's name, metallion and star and reset them in a new plaque when the road-

longing to the actors Bob Hope,

Historians argue that the origi-nals, touched and knelt on by the stars themselves, have a significance that is sacred. They are destroying a part of history and they should preserve these as they have promised," rails Robert Nudelman of Hoffwood Heritage.

### First bawl

works are completed.

WHILE his compatriots' fortunes see-gwed at the Oval yesterday. the Australian fast bowler Paul Reiffel was breasting about his most impressive delivery yet. Reiffel flew back to Australia last week to be at his wife's side for the birth of their first child, Bailey. The lanky pace man has since been on the phone recaling his team-mates with a ball-by-ball commentary of the lab-

"I was right in among the ac-

tion," he boasts. "It was amazing." The cruel gibe in the Australian dressing-room is that the nipper should be snapped up straight away by the England team, who could do with the help.

#### Claws are out STRANGE reports are coming out

of Cornwall of a spate of cat-nappings inspired by a children's book. Mouver, a fectional black



That's not the volcano. It's the islanders"

and white cut made hugely popular in the bestselling tale The Mousehole Cat, is being blamed for the attempted thefts in the fish-

ing village of Mousehole.

The book, by local author Antonia Barber, has sold a million copies and several adult purchasers have been intercepted in the act of making presents of village cars to their children, telling them that the ball of fluff is Mowzer. So far all nappers have been thwarted but relations between locals and visitors

 The squeamish should stay away. from Kelvin MacKenzie's lecture on the future of cable television at the Edinburgh Television Festival today. The tubby former Editor of The Sun, who now runs what The Mirror calls its cable television operation, intends to appear before delegates. David Mellor-style, in a fnotball kit. His chosen colours are those of Millwall, his station's sponsor. "Millwall was my team then I was a lot younger and I thought the TV people in Edinburgh might find this cuddly middle-aged chap rather more acceptable wearing this kit than a blue suit "



### A BANKER'S EYE

The Governor counts the cost of a Scottish parliament

balance sheet. It would be naive to expect Sir Bruce Patullo, the Governor of the Bank of Scotland, to welcome another tier of government with the power to take more money out of his customers' accounts just because the politicians raising the taxes swathe themselves in the Saltire. Sir Bruce's concerns should not, however, be dismissed as special pleading. His worries about the impact of a tax-raising Scottish parliament deserve serious attention. Scots should be aware of the price they may have to pay for their parliament. The Government argues that devolution will strengthen the Union, and it is only on that basis that The Times could support it. But if Scots discover the real cost of devolution only after the Edinburgh assembly is established then resentment could soon sour the new settlement.

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The first area of concern for Sir Bruce might be termed the tip-of-the-iceberg question. Are the limited tax-raising powers advertised at the moment the only ones which will be used? In its White Paper, Scotland's Parliament, the Government proposes giving a future Edinburgh assembly the right to vary the basic rate of income tax by three pence in the pound. If exercised at the moment that would give the parliament some £450 million of additional money on top of the £14 billion of current Scottish expenditure for which it would assume responsibility.

The White Paper accepts that the decision of a future Chancellor of the Exchequer in Westminster might reduce the value of a 3p in the pound surcharge to the basic rate. The right of the Scottish parliament to raise "through the tax system" a sum equivalent to £450 million index-linked will, however, be preserved. That could mean an increase in the basic rate of more than 3p, or an increase in other taxes. Sir Bruce notes, ominously, that the referendum question on tax-varying powers does not specify that only income tax can be raised. An attempt by the House of Lords to insist that it did was rejected. With the principle established that

Bankers are not natural romantics; but then - a Scottish parliament can raise any tax to misty eyes make it more difficult to read a secure an "index-linked" amount, what guarantee is there that a future Edinburgh administration will not interpret the index as it wishes and levy any additional taxes that it wants?

Even if the parliament does restrict itself to the powers currently advertised, that is not, in Sir Bruce's view, cause for celebration. His second concern is the consequence for Scottish employment of a different tax regime from the rest of the UK. Sir Bruce believes that the probable impact of higher taxes will be fewer jobs. He is, of course, only speculating about the future. But his speculation is soundly based. Lower taxes have helped the UK to secure a disproportionate share of inward investment in the EU. Is increased unemployment, to paraphrase Norman Lamont, a price well worth paying for a Scottish parliament?

Sir Bruce's third concern is the underappreciated impact of the tax on those who will have jobs. The cost for an individual on the average Scots wage of £18,900 would be £6 a week. Tony Blair argued consistently before the election that the middle classes already pay too much in tax. How will they react to this impost? How, in particular, will young, talented Scots react when they calculate that the amount an average person might pay in "tartan tax", if invested over 40 years of working life, would yield £300,000? Might not Scotland's brightest and best be tempted to take the high road to England? And what effect would such a brain drain have on the Scottish economy?

Supporters of the tartan tax argue that the money raised could improve the quality of Scots' lives. Perhaps, but there is room for doubt. The political classes who ran Monklands, run Renfrew and are set to dominate a Scottish parliament have not yet proven themselves the most prudent stewards of public money. Ultimately, the argument for a Scottish parliament is one of democratic principle and should be won on that basis. But, in bringing a banker's eye to the tax balance sheet. Sir Bruce has done his countrymen a useful service.

#### POISONED LEGACY

How best to rid China of rotting Japanese chemical weapons

More than 50 years after the Second World | Japanese inspection missions to China that War, the history of atrocities committed and Tokyo finally confirmed that the weapons endured still commiss uncompleted chap were Japanese wartime stock and accepted ters. Among the most horrific of these responsibility for destroying them. rn the Japanese invasion of China. where the full facts are only now emerging about the most chilling of all Japan's wartime breaches of international law, its resort to chemical and biological warfare.

Chinese estimates put the victims of Japanese mustard gas, lewisite and pepper attacks at nearly 100,000 killed or injured. In Zheijang Province, Japanese bombs carrying fleas infected with bubonic plague were dropped on villages with devastating consequences. Perhaps 3,000 Chinese died at the infamous Unit 731 in Harbin, victims of medical experiments including infection with biological agents. Although China and Japan settled the question of war reparations in 1972, Chinese survivors and the victims' relatives this year began filing civil

suits for compensation in Tokyo. But the worst of this poisoned legacy belongs not to the past, but the present, for the retreating Imperial Army abandoned huge stockpiles of more than 700,000 of these weapons. They still lie there, now in an extremely hazardous corroded condition. Years of negotiation between China and Japan are only now coming to a head, with China insisting that final agreement on their destruction must be reached by the time Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime

Minister, visits Beijing next month. Several factors have contributed to this extraordinary delay - China's isolation for more than three decades after the 1949 revolution, the destruction of key Japanese war archives and, until recent years, Japan's reluctance to confront its war record, including its involvement in chemical and biological warfare. It was only after seven

vention which finally entered into force in April this year, signatories are obliged to remove chemical weapons left in other countries. But last December, China reluctantly accepted Tokyo's argument that it would be too hazardous to ship the leaking armoury to Japan and agreed to Japan's offer to build environmentally safe disposal factories in China itself. This political accord is only the first and least difficult step. The two sides have yet to agree where the plants are to be sited and what technology to use. Above all, precisely because postwar Japan has had no involvement in such weaponry, it lacks the required expertise.

The Japanese Government insists that it is ready to foot the considerable bill and has every intention of meeting the ten-year deadline. Given the environmental and health risks these stockpiles pose, it has every incentive to do so. Its preferred option appears to be to contract Japanese companies to do the job and hire experts from countries such as Britain and America. This could prove a cumbersome approach, risking further delays. That would be politically and environmentally unacceptable.

The huge scale of this hazardous mission suggests that a better approach would be for Britain, America and Japan to mount a joint task force. Sceptics, particularly in the US Congress, were reluctant to sign the Chemical Weapons Convention on grounds of impracticability. This could be a first test of international co-operation under the convention that would both help to prove the sceptics wrong, and heal a wound that scars the whole world and has festered far too long.

#### **CIVIL WAR GAME**

Blair can bring his side to victory

In the months since the election there has been a quiet civil war between two sections versus New or Left versus Right or even Angles versus Celts. The battle is between Roundheads and Cavaliers. Each side commands support from a Downing Street base.

Labour Party history and traditions offer little guidance to either the Blair Cavaliers or the Brown Roundheads. For every austere Cripps there has been a buccaneering Bevan; for every prolier-than-thou Tony Benn, a claret-quaffing Roy Jenkins. Nor is this even a class divide: it was John Prescott who made the gloriously Cavalier remark that ensured the survival of the Millennium Dome project: "If we can't manage this, we're not much of a Government."

Cavaliers take more risks: Roundheads are more cautious. With the leader of the Roundheads guarding the purse-strings, this Government is unlikely to be charged with Cavalier extravagance. But style matters to a Cavalier as much as substance; and

style can be relatively cheap. So, for instance, Tony Blair has taken the longest foreign holiday of any Prime Minister since Winston Churchill (Cavalier incar-

nate) in 1953. Unlike Margaret Thatcher. who could hardly bear a week away from of the Labour Party. This is not Old Labour work, he does not possess superhuman energy. Mr Blair looked at the end of July as though he truly needed a decent break.

Inviting pop stars and actors to No 10 is another cheap but provocatively Cavalier move. Roundheads have frugal ways to assert themselves too. Complaining about press coverage costs nothing. Nor does banning other people's pleasures, and already ministers are rushing to outlaw gons and cigarette ads, while backbenchers are intent on banning hunting.

The most conspicuous sign of a Roundhead ascendancy in the Government is its approach to work. Most ministers act as if voters gave them five months, not five years. They arrive in their offices before the cleaners and force officials to work until the night shift takes over. For a Government that is supposed to support family-friendly working, this is a bad example and probably self-defeating too. If Mr Blair wants to forestall a Roundhead capture of the commanding heights of Government, he must give his colleagues appropriately Cavalier guidance when he gets back.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Jobs, not benefits, to reduce poverty

From Dr M. Riad el-Ghonemy

Sir, Roy Hattersley ("Must the poor pay the price of victory?", August 16) argues for income redistribution through moderately taxing the rich. Peter Mandelson, on the other hand, calls for an assault on "social exclusion" by keeping social benefits in line with inflation (report and leading article, August 15). Both views contribute usefully to the debate.

It is essential, however, to address some elementary questions. Who are the most needy? How many are annually pushed below the poverty line (the new poor)? What are the root causes of their poverty and sources of inequality? How can the extent of inequality of opportunities for generating primary-income earnings be sig-nificantly reduced without excessive reliance on economic growth?

The merit of relying on primary income (derived from human and physical assets) rather than secondary income (derived from social benefits) is confirmed by several studies. These indicate that reliance on the former is likely to reduce poverty incidence between three and five times faster than reliance on the latter; its beneficiaries tend to be less vulnerable to economic shocks and fiscal changes.

Yours sincerely, M. R. el-GHONEMY (Senior research associate), International Development Centre, University of Oxford, 21 St Giles, Oxford. August 18.

#### Switching big top From the Head of Leighton Park School, Reading

Sir. So it seems (report, "Germans lose Dome contract to America", later editions, August 22) that we are to mark the miliennium with a Tellon dome that "could last for 25 years". We were originally given to understand that this project was intended as an enduring legacy.

Having just returned from France, where innumerable 12th-century churches continue to inspire one with their astonishing carvings. I can only wonder at the vision and technique of those builders, eight centuries ago. Have we lost something in the mean-

Yours faithfully, JOHN DUNSTON,

on Park School, Shinfield Road, Reading, Berkshire. August 22.

From Professor Jonathan G. M. Wood

Sir, It is an architectural conceit to describe the Greenwich structure as a dome. Well engineered domes can last a millennium or two. It might help the politicians now dabbling in its design it was described correctly, as a

Yours sincerely, JONATHAN G. M. WOOD (Director), Structural Studies & Design Ltd, Northbridge House. Chiddingfold, Surrey. August 22

#### Sex offenders

From the Minister of State, Home Office

Sir, The notion aired by the assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers that the national sex offenders' register is "a shambles" and "flawed" (report, August 15) is totally misplaced. Quite simply, there is no confusion and no flaw. The Probation Service is in no way banned from providing the addresses of sex offenders to the

May I therefore set out the process, so that all doubt is removed Offenders under supervision will be given a form by the Probation Service.

telling them what they are required to This information will be copied to the

The legal requirement to register details of names and addresses rests

with the sex offender and they should be left in no doubt of their obligations. If the offender fails to register within 14 days the police will take action. Penalties for non-compliance are up to six months in prison and/or a £5,000

This is an important measure to protect the public, particularly children and vulnerable adults. It has been welcomed widely by the NSPCC, by the police and by chief probation officers. Sex offenders should not be allowed to imagine that they can get away with subverting the intention of the Sex Offenders Act.

Yours sincerely. ALUN MICHAEL, Hame Office. 50 Queen Anne's Gate, SWI. August 15.

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### C. S. Lewis behind wardrobe doors

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has been known for at least the past

It took me some time to compre-

hend Mr Paul Barnetson's allusion

(letter, August 13) to a "cupboard" in MacDonald's Lilith. The protagonist

in that book sometimes returns from

another world via a book "closet" in

his library. When he leaves our world,

however, it is by a mirror/door in his

artic (brain) - except once where, in a

splendid passage of scatological writ-

ing, he utilises Edmund Spenser's

Lewis never wrote an introduction

for Lilith as Mr Barnetson suggests,

although disconnected passages from

the preface to Lewis's anthology of

been re-used as introductions for sev-

eral editions of Lilith and Phantastes.

This is unfortunate, because these

passages are deliberately rhetorical

and, out of context, convey a wholly

misleading idea of Lewis's opinion of

MacDonald's literary skills. His real

view of MacDonald's writing is con-

veyed in many of the letters published

in Letters to Arthur Greeves

Yours faithfully,

Librarian.

August 13.

The Library.

JOHN DOCHERTY,

George MacDonald's works have

From Mr Richard Lines

Sir, It is well known that C. S. Lewis drew his images from a wide variety of sources - biblical, mythological and literary (letters, July 31. August 4 and 13). It is strange, therefore, that he has left us no clue as to the origin of one of the most powerful of them, the wardrobe that admits the children into the magical land of Narnia.

The recent correspondence has suggested three possible sources: E. T. A. Holimann, George MacDonald and Edith Nesbit. While Lewis was undoubtedly fond of Edith Nesbit's children's stories (and actually refers to characters from The Story of the Treasure Seekers in The Magician's Nephews, her "wardrobe" in The Aunt and Amabel from The Magic World is not such a close "lit" as Hoffmann's wardrobe in The Nutcracker and the Mouse King. In the latter there are fur coats and a wooded landscape under snow, exactly as in Lewis's story.

Lewis readily admitted the influence of George MacDonald and described him in his anthology of the writer's work as his "master"; but MacDonald never used the wardrobe image. He did, however, draw inspiration from the German Romantics. particularly Novalis and Hoffmann, and it seems most likely that it was MacDonald's writings which led Lewis to Hoffmann and his magic

wardrobe. What is not clear is why Lewis did not disclose his source here. In an essay on MacDonald he admitted that he was a don and that "source-hunting" (Quellenforschung) was in his marrow. Perhaps Lewis was reluctant to mention a German source of inspiration so soon after the Second World Was — The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe being published in 1950?

Yours faithfully, RICHARD LINES Committee member, The George MacDonald Society). 38 South Vale, Upper Norwood, SE19. August 14.

From the Librarian of the George MacDonald Society

Sir, I have watched with interest the correspondence on C. S. Lewis in your columns, as a precursor of what we are likely to have to endure during the centenary year of his birth, 1998.

Owen Bartield, Lewis's lifelong friend, has observed that most of Lewis's fiction is pastiche, and pastiche is prone to pass over into plagiarism. For instance the source from Hoffentrance to Namia through fur coats From Mr J. Alex C. Maines Sir, I have enjoyed the correspon-

The George MacDonald Society.

King's College, Strand, WC2

dence on The Lion, the Witch and the Womb but I feel that I must strike a serious note. Mr Andrew Cuneo and Mr Chris-

topher Whiteside (letters, August 13) talked of others' interpretations of Lewis's work and of the author's views on such interpretations. Fair enough, but while the comedy value of the wardrobe as the womb is clear, it is sad that anyone would seek to limit the interpretations of the reader. It is a creative process for the reader

to fashion his or her own (consistent) understanding of a text. It is not a science with right and wrong answers: people have the right to their own interpretation of texts. It is up to readers to study the in-

terpretation to see if it holds water, not for the original author to say that we have it wrong, or his disciples to say they do not endorse it.

encies, the parties at Westminster

would become dangerously central-

Sir. How right Lord Bethell is to chal-

lenge the right of a prime minister to

Our first and perhaps greatest

choose our Members of Parliament.

Labour Prime Minister, J. Ramsay

MacDonald, had no such ideas. He

introduced, and got through the

Commons, a Bill to make the single

transferable vote, in the existing

constituencies, the only method of

electing Members to Parliament.

Thus, no one could get there without

demonstrating that he or she had

In the confusion of the 1931 crisis the

majority support in the constituency.

Bill never reached the statute book.

But it is surely odd that our parlia-

mentarians have never, since then,

addressed their minds to such a

simple method of reinforcing their

positions as Members of a Parliament

Brookland House, 24 High Street,

of individual constituencies.

Contenham, Cambridgeshire.

Yours truly.

August 15.

JOHN WALLEY.

CHARLOTTE HORSFIELD.

Yours sincerely, ALEX MAINES. Harlequins, Harlequin Lane, August 13.

Yours faithfully.

24 Liverpool Road.

Kingston Hill, Surrey.

From Sir John Walley

#### Voters as 'cogs'

From Mrs Charlotte Horsfield

Sir, Lord Bethell tells us (letter, August 15) how people who have been elected under a system of proportional representation to the European Parliament are treated not as representatives of a constituency but rather as cogs in the political parties' machinery. He rightly warns against the use of such a system at West-

The White Papers setting out proposals for devolution of power to a Scottish parliament and a Welsh assembly both suggest that election to those bodies should in part be by PR, with such representatives being chosen not by the electorate but by the

In Wales it is proposed that there should be one representative for each of the parliamentary constituencies elected by first-past-the-post, and four representatives for each of the five Welsh European parliamentary con-stituencies elected according to PR and chosen from the parties' lists. Similarly, in Scotland there would be 73 members elected from the parliamentary constituencies, with 56 additional members elected by PR from the Euro-constituencies, also chosen from party lists.

Under such a system, with can-didates being imposed on the constitu-

Race and intelligence

From Mr Ray Ward

Sir. The Bell Curve, Herrnstein and Murray's study of intelligence and class structure, does indeed say that Ashkenazi Jews now test higher than any other ethnic group, but it is not true to say (Nigella Lawson, August 13) that they "routinely appeared at the bottom" when intelligence was measured at the turn of the century.

What The Bell Curve makes clear is that the story, often repeated to show how unitrustworthy the tests and testers are, that Jews and other

immigrant groups into the US were thought below average, even feeble-minded, is a myth, based on work conducted at Ellis Island by H. H. Goddard: Goddard "explicitly pre-selected his sample for evidence of low intelligence (his purpose was to test his test's usefulness in screening for feeblemindedness), and did not try to draw any conclusions about the general distribution of intelligence in immigrant groups".

Yours faithfully, RAY WARD, Flat 97, 17 Sheppard Drive, SE16. August 13.

#### U-turn?

From Mr R. J. Parmenter

Sir, I have an equally useful book to the one featured in your report, "M25 jambuster runs head-on into opposition" (August 20), and apparently condemned as "dangerous" by the

It is entitled Avoid Motorway Hold-Ups and features a detour between junctions 13 and 14 identical to the one shown in your map. My book was published in 1993 by, you've guessed

Yours faithfully. R. J. PARMENTER. 14 Tees Road, Chelmsford, Essex. August 20.

### In praise of wasps

From Mrs Jean L. T. Coates

Sir. "If there were a purpose to wasps" writes Paul Heiney (Time to fight the buzzing nuisance", Weekend, August 16) "I would not grumble, but I cannot think of one, nor have I ever read of one." Until today, that is, when Science Briefing tells us that certain kinds of wasp can be attracted to kill caterpillars, thereby helping "provide real benefits for subsistence farmers in Africa".

Yours sincerely. JEAN L. T. COATES, 10 Jarrow Close. Birkenhead, Merseyside. August 18.

#### Disputed need for rules of grammar

From the General Secretary of the National Association for the Teaching of English

Sir. The explanation for the Government's change of heart about grammar tests for 14-year-olds ("Grammar test too tough for teachers", August 13) is far more complex than what you describe as the "difficulty of teaching subordinate clauses and adverbial phrases'. Those simple rules are easy to teach but they are not, by them-

selves, sufficient. Pupils need opportunities to analyse language in context, they need to be able to describe how language achieves its effect and then use this understanding to write clearly, precisely and effectively themselves. Any assessment of their knowlege and use of appropriate grammar or punctuation must be done through their own reading and writing (and speech), not by mechanical exercises.

That is why the approach to assessment needs to be properly thought out and why teachers will welcome the Government's rejection of the present

Yours faithfully, ANNE BARNES, General Secretary, National Association for the Teaching of English, 50 Broadfield Road, Broadfield Business Centre. Sheffield, South Yorkshire. August 13.

From Baroness Platt of Writtle

Sir, Recently I have read the government White Paper Excellence in Schools, with much of which I agree. I was therefore horrified to read that important tests in English are to be postponed because English teachers would find the grammar difficult to teach, particular mention being made of subordinate clauses and ad-

verbial phrases. From our public library I borrowed Cassell's Guide to Written English, which explains adverbial phrases (p200) in one third of a page. Is that too much for teachers to learn as part of their professional duty? The book goes on to describe "complex sentence" construction, including subordinate clauses in more detail, most interestingly. I cannot see why that should not be assimilated and taught by a qualified English teacher in a

reasonably short time. "Excellence in schools" will take a long time to achieve if there are delays

Yours sincerely, PLATT of WRITTLE. House of Lords.

August 19.

From Mr Robert W. McCall Sir, if teachers do not know how to teach sentence construction in English, presumably they cannot construct sentences. How then can they

teach anything? I note that a spokeswoman for the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority said that the authority will "fine-tune them |the grammar tests| based on feedback from the teachers". Of what use will this feedback be if the teachers cannot construct sentences?

Yours faithfully. ROBERT W. McCALL. ló The Dell, Nailsea, nr Bristol. robert\_mccall@compuserve.com August 13.

### Pudding plea

From Father Keith Hodges

Sir, I was particularly interested in one item on the dinner party menu from March 1879 mentioned in Emma Wilkins's article, "Life behind the green baize door" (August 11): "Aldershot pud".

As Vicar of an Aldershot church celebrating its 90th birthday on November 1. I think this pud might make an excellent item for consumption on the day itself, especially as the liturgy on that day will be particularly

demanding.

A good "pud" may be just what everyone needs. Does anyone know the recipe?

Yours faithfully. KEITH HODGES. St Augustine's Vicarage, Holly Road, Aldershot, Hampshire, August 13.

#### Clean getaway

From Mrs Joan M. Bagley

Sir. The intriguing correspondence sparked off by the Reverend John licehurst (letter, August 15; see also letters. August 20) reminds me of an occasion when an aircraft lifebelt whistle proved indirectly to be a very attention-grabbing item.

The steward of a flight I was on had droned his way through the routine doggerel concerning safety exits, seatbelts and the use of the lifebelt, to which as usual practically nobody was listening. But everyone snapped to attention when he concluded with the words ... and a whistle to attract the attention of passing sailors". For that he got a well-deserved round of applause.

Yours truly. JOAN BAGLEY. Apartment 3, Saumarez Park Manor. Route de Saumarez, Catel, Guernsey, Cl. August 22



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BALMORAL CASTLE August 22: Mr Leslie Weller (Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex) was present at Gatwick Airport, London, this The Queen.

afternoon upon the Departure of the Governor-General of Jamaica and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of

#### Weekend birthdays

TODAY:

Mr Richard Addis, Editor, The Express, 41; Mr Graeme Bowler, chief executive. Kwik Save, 60; Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, MP, 54; Mr Geoff Capes, shot putter, 48; Mr Joseph E. Connor, former chairman. Price Waterhouse World Firm. 66; Sir Alan Cox, former chief executive. ASW Holdings, 61; Sir Robert Crichton-Brown, former chairman, Rothmans International, 78: Sir John Fairclough. former Chief Scientific Adviser to the Cabinet Office, 67: Dr John Ford, chief executive, DVLA, ol: Mr Alexander Gilmour, former chairman, National Playing Fields Association, 66.

Sir John Hoskyns, chairman, Emap, 70; Lord Kissin, 85; Mr Stanley Kitchen, chartered accountant, 84; Commandant Anthea Larken, former director. WRNS, 59: Mr Peter Lilley, MP, 54: Mr Andrew Longhurst, chairman, Cheltenham & Gloucester, 58; Mr Frank Lowe, advertising consultant, 56: Mr Ted Maidment. Headmaster. Shrewsbury School, 55; Mr Christopher Martin, Headmaster, Millfield School, 59; Dr Onora O'Neill, FBA, Principal, Newnham College, Cambridge. 56; Sir Brian Pearse, chairman, Lucas-Varity, 64; Mr Bob Peck, actor, 52: Mr James Quinn, former director, British Film Institute, 78; Miss Helen Rees, former director, Design Museum, 37: Mr John Rocha, fashion de-signer. 43: Mr Willy Russell, author, 50; Sir Roy Strong, former director. Victoria and Albert Museum, 62: Mr Peter Thomson, golfer, 68: Field Marshal Lord Vincent of Coleshill, 66: Sir Brian Young, former chairman, Christian Aid, 75.

TOMORROW:

Mr Paul Barker, writer and broadcaster, 62; Vice-Admiral Sir Stephen Berthon, 75: Mr. Alan Brooker, former chairman. Extel Group, 66: Miss Antonia Byatt, writer, 61; Mr Charles Causley, poet, 80; Lord Chadlington, 55: Mr. Carlo Curley, organist. 45; Sir James Duncan, former chairman, Transport Development Group, 70; Sir Michael Franklin. civil servant, 70; Mr Stephen Fry, actor, writer and comedian, 40.

The Earl of Harrington, 75: Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, former Comptroller. Lord Chamberlain's Oflice, 75: Major-General lain Mackay-Dick, former General Officer Commanding London District and Major-General Commanding House hold Division: 52: the Right Rev Cormac Murphy-O'Connor. Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, 65: Mr Madsen Pirie, president, Adam Smith Institute, 57; Sir Graham Swanwick, former High Court judge, 91; Mr Sam Torrance, golfer, 44: Mr John Webb, rugby player, 34; Mr H.R. Wright, Chief Muster, King

Edward's School, Birming

### **Anniversaries**

France 1774-93, Versailles, 1754; Sir Astley Cooper, surgeon, Brook Hall, Norfolk, 1768; Arnold Toynbee, social philosopher, London, 1852; Edgar Lee Masters, puet and novelist, Garnett, Kansas, Sour Eleutherios venizelos five times Prime Minister of Greece, Crete, 1864; Sir Henry Tizard, scientist. Gillingham. Kent, 1885; Constant Lambert,

composer, London, 1905; Keith Moon, rock drummer, Wemblev. 1947. DEATHS: Sir William Wallace, Scottish patriot, executed. London, 1305; Luis de Léon, mystic and poet. Madrigal de las Atlas, Spain, 1591; George Villiers, 1st Duke of Buckingham, statesman and royal favourite, assassinated. Portsmouth, lo28: Alexander Wilson, armithologist and poet. Philadelphia, 1813; Rudolph Valentino, silent film actor. New York, 1926; Adolf Loss, architect, Vienna, 1933; Roy Chadwick, aeronautical engineer, killed on a test flight. 1947: Roger Martin du Gard.

merstein II, songwriter. Doylestown. Pennsylvania. The Visigoths sacked Rome.

novelist. Nobel laureate 1937.

Normandy, 1958: Oscar Ham-

AD 410. Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, Italian-born anarchists living in America, were wrongly sent to the electric chair after being convicted of a payroll rubbery, 1927. The London Blitz began, 1940.

TOMORROW BIRTHS: Robert Herrick, poet, London, 1591; George Stubbs, painter, Liverpool, 1724; William Wilberforce, leader of the anti-slavery movement, Hull, 1759: James Weddell, Antarctic explorer. Ostend, 1787; Sir Max Beerbohm, caricaturist and writer. London, 1872; Jorge Luis Borges, poet, Buenos Aires, 1899; Graham Sutherland, painter,

London, 1903. DEATHS: Il Parmigiano, (Francesco Mazzoli), painter, Cremona, 1540; Thomas Digges, mathematician, who, with his father Leonard, is said to have anticipated the invention of the telescope, 1595: John Owen, theologian, London, 1683: Thomas Chatterton, poet, committed suicide, London, 1770; Sadi Carnot, scientist, Paris, 1832: Theodore Hook, novelist, London, 1841; Getulio Vargas, President of Brazil 1930-45. committed suicide, Rio de

Janeiro, 1954: Feliks Topolski. artist 1989. Mount Vesuvius erupted and buried Pompeii and Herculaneum in hot volcanic ash.

AD 79. The Massacre of the Hugue nots in Paris by order of Catherine de' Medici took place, 1572

John Charnock established a trading post on behalf of the English East India Company in Kalikata. West Bengal, 1690

Washington was captured by British forces, 1814.



Members of the Jugnu Bhangra Group from Gravesend, Kent, dance with delight after learning that they are one of many small organisations to receive an Arts Council "Arts for Everyone" award of up to £5,000. The council yesterday announced more than 1,000 larger awards of up to £500,000, worth nearly £19 million. The scheme allows arts organisations to use National Lottery money to extend their activities to a wider audience

#### Dinner

Punjabee Society

of the British Isles The High Commissioner for India was the guest of honour and presided at a dinner of the Punjabee Society of the British Isles held last night at the Laguna Banquer Hall, London NW10, to mark the 50th anniversary of India/Pakistan Independence. Mr H.S. Chadha, president of the sociotists of the sociotists and the N. Pikarsonia. ety, and Mr R.N. Bhargava, secretary, received the guests.

Appointment

Mr Riaz Hassan Naqvi to be a District Judge on the South East-ern Circuit from Tuesday.

John Normand Davidson Kelly, Principal of St Edmund Hall, Oxford, left estate valued

Fig.11, Utdord, left estate valued at £1,652,46 net. He left £3,000 to Chichester Caihedral; he left to \$1 Edmund Hall, Outord, for the general purposes of the college, all his academic books, all his copyrights and Interests, logether with the royaltes, a drawing by Andrew Freeth RA of the late principal of the college. Alfred Brotherston Emden, and his home in Crick Rhad, Oxford. John Lester Chifford, of

Budleigh Salterton, Devon, left estate valued at £1,498,119 het.
He left shares in his estate to the Animal Weifare Trust, White-haven Trust. Christian Science Society. Sidmouth, the RSPCA and the PDSA.

Jakub Szuic, of London, NI2,

### Latest wills

left estate valued at £1.085,223 He left £50,000 to Immigrants' Aid Trust and the British Zemon-Council

Duncan Alistair Antoine Grant, of London, SWIO, left estate valued at £1,140.012 net. He left ESOD to the Artists' General Daphne Burbury, of Camber-

ley, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,829,750 net. She left £2.000 to the Blue Cross and to the ladies' fund of the Berkshire Golf Club: £8.000 to RNIB: £2.500 to the National Canine Defence League: and £500 to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Paul Vincent Bower, of Slawston, Leicestershire, left estate valued at £1,011.614 net. estate valued at £1,624,231 net.

Jack Braka, of Mobberley, Cheshire, left estate valued at £1,695,073 net.

George Bridge, of Reedley, Burnley, Lancashire, left estate valued at £1,991,552 net. Frances Mary Vibrett Burkett-Smith, of Kingston Burker-Smith, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,006,867 net. She left £15,000 for the upiteep and maintenance of her befored built mestill blich lucy for the rest of the dogs matural life. Any monies remaining from her residuary estate for her trustees to use to their best endeavours to find a sulable home for Lucy with people who will give her love and constant attention. Francis John Tyrwhitt Drake, of Petersfield, Hampshire, left

### Marriage

Mr M.P. Thornus and Miss C.S. Boorman

The marriage took place on August 9, 1997, at the Church of St Nicholas, Porlock Weir, Somersel, between Malcolm Pelham, younger son of the late Mr Malcolm Pelham Thorman, and of Mrs Pamela Martin, of Ashley Combe, Porlock Weir, and Charlotte Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Boorman, of Norton Hall Farmhouse, Otterden, Kent.

#### University news

Sheffield Hallani

Honorary Awards Sheffield Hallam University will be awarding honorary doctorates and fellowships to the following during degree ceremonies at Sheffield City Hall in November.

Doctorates: Mr Johnny Ball, television writer and presenter, lecturer for the Engineering Council

Mr Sean Bean, actor Professor Sir Harold Krota. FRS. Professor of Chemistry. University of Sussex at

Brighton Mr Matthew Partis, journullst

Mr Ken Pounds, space scientist and X-Ray astronomer Professor John Tarn, architect and Pro-Vice-Chancellor. Liverpool University.

Fellowships Ms Dorothy Dixon-Barrow, a founder member of Campaign Against Racial Discrimination and the Sheffield and District Afro-Caribbean Community Association.

Mr Nick Kemp, director of the Engineering Employers' Sheffield Association.

Dr Mike Rodgers, a member of the Industrial Tribunals for England and Wales who has held positions on the university's Academic Board: Mr Graham Solley, former head of the university's sport

and recreation service.

### Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. Brandt.

and Miss E. Hunt The engagement is announced between Patrick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Howard Brandt, of Liverpool, and Emma, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Leonard Hunt, of Boherbue, Co Cork. Captain A.D.P. Henderson,

RWF and Captain C.R. Summers.

INT CORPS The engagement is announced between Alasdair, son of Mr and Mrs R.D.P. Henderson, of Somerset, and Clare, daughter of Mr B.H. Summers, of Cardiff, and of Mrs K.M. Summers, of Sussex.

Mr L.E.J. Marton and Miss T.J. Saunders The engagement is announced between Lance, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Marton, of Ascot. Berkshire, and Tamsin, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Saunders, of Crunleigh, Surrey.

Mr ED.C. Mills and Miss G.E. Elizaide Gonzalez The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs David Mills, of London, formerly of Bristol, and Gabriela, daughter of Mr and Mrs Oscar Elizalde Gonzalez, of Buenos

Aires, Argentina. Mr A.J.C. Morthum andd Miss C.L. Cosgrov The engagement is announced between Andrew John Claire,

younger son of Mr and Mrs David Moxham, of North Crawley, Buckinghamshire, and Catherine Louise, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Dominick Cosgrove, of Eating, London, Mr J.B. Pennant

and Miss F.M.C. Charlesworth The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs Pyers Pennant, of London, and Francesca, daughter of the Rev and Mrs Eric Charlesworth of Fairford, Gloucestershire.

Mr T.I. Robinson and Miss K.R. Grees The engagement is announced between Thomas, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Edmund Robinson, of Tatenbill: Staffordshire, and Kathryn, only daughter of the late Mr Wallace Green and of Mrs W. Green, of Sutton Coldifield, West

### Church services tomorrow

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL.
ABERDEEN: 8 HC: 10.15 S Euch, Ireland in
C. Carion S van Culin: 6.30 ES, Harword in A
flat, O how glorious (Harword) The Provost. ARMAGH CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 M. Te Deum in G (Vaughan Williams). Jubilate in C (Walum). The Dean: 3.15 Ch E. Wood in F. Oculi Omnium (Wood).

BANGOR CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 11 Ch Euch, Missa Bressivina (Eberlin), Steal away to Jesus (Tippet): 3.15 Ch E. Murrill in E. Splendenta te Deus (Motart). BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 11 Ch Euch, Rev G O'Neill: 4 S EP.

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.15 Ch M: 10.30 Euch. Canon Gaidee: 4 Ch E. 1 will sing with the Spirit (Rutter). The Provust. BRECON CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 11 Euch. Canon E John: 3.30 E. Save us. O Lord, waking, guard us sleeping (Bairstow), Renonves (Avieward)

58RISTOL CATHEDRAL College Green: 7.40 M: 8 HC: 10 Ch Euch. Darke in F. The Dean: 3.30 Ch E. Mine eyes for beauty pine Howellsi, Noble in B minor, Canon A CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL'S HC: 9.30

M: II S Euch. Ave verum (Byrd). Missa aeterna Christi munera (Painstrina). Rev Dr P Zahi; 3.15 E. Responses (Byrd), And 1 saw a new heaven (Baumon); 6.30 Compline. CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 5 Euch. Darke in F. Canon D Baxter: 3 E. Responses (Ayloward), Collegium regale (Howells). CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL 7.30 MP. 8

HC: 930 Euch, Rev I Moody, II.IS Euch, The Provose 6 Ch E. CHESTER CATHEDRAL: T. & L: 8 HC: 10

Euch, Canon O Conway, 11:30 Ch M. Responses (Leighten). To Doum (Vaughan Williams), Canon M Rees; 2:30 Ch L O graite the Lord (Tomkins), Responses (Saylor): 0:30 ES, Canon M Rees. CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL'S HC: 10 M. Britten in C. Drop, deep, saist tears (Walton). Res. D Landreth; II S Euch, Missa: Simile est

regium coebinum (Vizioria, Rev M Mankielow, 330 E. Let all the world CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL On furth 8 HC, 10 M; H.15 S Euch. Mass for four voices (Byrd), Canon Ward: 6 E. Responses

(Smith), Stanford in B Sat. CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL Deblia: Il S Euch, Missa brevis (Kodaly), Hear my prayer, O Lord (Purcellii 320 C Euch, Regale (Howells . Lo. the full final Collegium Regal Nicolles (Fina). COVENTRY CATHEDRAL 740 MP. 8 C. In 3) Euch, Mass for four sources -Byrds, Res J. Peny: 5 E. Responses (Duarden), Purceil in G.

DERBY CATHEDRAL S HC. 23.48 S Each. Stanford in B flat, Ave Maria (Parsetts), Rev

G Marshall: 6 E. Responses (Leighton), Noble in B minor. The Provent. DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 M.

Responses (Rose), Collegium regale (How-ells), Canon D Brown; 11.15 HC. Mass in C (Schubert), Jesu, joy of man's desiring (Bach), Canon P Kent: 3.30 E. Responses (Ayleward), ion in G. ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC: 10.30 S Euch,

Darke in F. Ubi carties et arror (Durallé). Rev E Wall; 3.45 E, Purcell in G minor, it was in that train (Ferguson):

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch, Harrison in F. Rev G Daxter: 11.15 M Responses (Smith). Te Deum in B flat (Stanford). Give un the wings of faith (Bullock). The Deam: 3 E. Responses (Ayleward). Noble in B minor; 6.30 ES, Awake us Lord and hasten (Bach), Camon K

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL: 3 HC: 9.46 S Euch, Leighton in D minor, O sacrum convivium (Vann), Rev Prof D Martin; II.IS M. Te Deum (Howells), I heard a voice from heaven (Howells), Canon Dr M Pakner; 6.30 E. Joubert in G. Paire is the heaven (Harris).

D Manne HEREFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M: 8 HC; 10 Euch, Irchard in C. Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow). The Processor: 3.30 E. Bairstow in D. And I saw a new heaven (Bairston), The

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP: 10.30 Euch. Teach me O Lord the way of thy statutes (Attwood), The Treasurer; 4 EP. MEHITELD CATHEDRAL S HC: 1030 S Euch, Darke in F. Jubilate (Stanford), Bishop M Green: 3.30 E. Responses (Rose), Stanford

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8, 12.30 HC. 9.30 S Euch, Collegium regale (Howells), The Dean: II.IS M. Te Deum (Sunsion): 3-4S E, Stainer in B, There is an old belief (Parry).

Capon F. Strickland LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC: 10.30 Euch, Canon M Wolfe; 3 Ch E. Canon D Huma, 4 HC.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & L: 8 HC: 4 Euch, 11 S Euch, Ireland in A minor, Stanford in G; 3.30 Ch E. Responses (Richard Seal), Brower in D: 6.30 E. Rev R L Ford. MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 845 M: 10.30 S Euch, Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Canon J Atherion: 0.30 EP. NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL 7.30 M: 8 HC: 9.30 S Euch, Canon I Beanct: 6 Ch E. NEWPORT CATHEDRAL 8, 10.30 H

Euch; 6.30 E. Responses (Oxley). NORWICH CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP: 8 HC: 10:30 S Euch, Gabriel Mass, Beati quorum via (Stanford), The Dean; 3:30 Festal E. Responses (Clucas), Stanford in G. Cannn M Perfram: h-20 NP. PETERBOROUGH CATHEORAL: 7.45 M & L. 10.30 Euch. Mass of the quiet hour

C: 11.30 S Euch, Schubert in G. Loving Shepherd (Rutter): 3.15 E. The souls of the hieous (Murrille, Stanford in A... TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9 M: 10 S Euch, Darke in F. Jesus, our Lord (Winker). The Treasurer 6 S. Stanford in A. Grenter Love (Ireland). WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL 8 HC 9.15

Ubi caritas et amor (Durufié), ) saw the Lord (Stainer), Rev R Lewis; 11.30 M. Te Deurs in F (Ireland), Jubilate in B liat (Stanford): 3 Noble in B minor, Locus iste (Bruckner), Preb WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10 M.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 10.30 M. Jubilate Dec in F (Ireland), Set me as a seal (Wallon), Rev Prof J Barton: 11.30 S Euch. Darke in A minor, Touts thus (Gorecki); 3.0 E. Abranas in G. O taste and see (Vaughan)

Collegium regale (Howells). Rev Dr J Toy: 11.30 M, Britten in E & C, Responses (Rose): 4-E, Let the people praise thee, O God (Mathas). Responses (Leighton), Rev R Furned! ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL Clwyd: 8 HC; II

MT EDMWNDSBURY CATHEDRAL 8

), Gloria (Merbecke); 3.30 E. in A. Give us the wings of faith PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 10 C. Ven G Knowles: 6.30 E, Canon A Wilkinson.

RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8, 9.30 Euch; 11.30 M. Te Deum in C (ireland), Jubilate in C (ireland); 3 Holy Baptism; 5.30 E. Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in B flat (Gray), Canon M

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 M. Responses (Chucas), Collegium regule (Howelis); 10.30 S Euch, Noble in B minor, on M Shields: 3.15 E. Responses (William

son), Let God arise [Howells], SALISBURY CATHEDRAL SHC: 10 Euch. Rev M Mayne: 11.30 M. Rev A Philip; 3 S.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 10 MP; 10.30 S Euch, Canon C Smith; 6.30 E, Ven S

SOUTHWARK CATHEORAL: 9 Ench; II Euch, Rhapsody No 1 in D flat (Howells).
Payane (Fauré), The Vice-Provost: 3 E. SOUTHWELL MINSTER: 7.30 M & L. 9.30

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.45 S Euch.

WESTMENSTER ABBERT & MC W M.
Responses (Livyd), Stanford in C. Rev J
Guodall; 12.15 Eucla, Let all mortal Besh
(Bairstow), Camon A Harvey; 3 E, Wood m F,
Hail gladdening light (Wood), Canon A
Harvey; 6.30 ES. Rev P Cowell

Williams), Rev A K Walker. YORK MINSTER: 8 HC: 10 S Euch,

Ch Euch, Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd), Are verum corpus (Elgar), Rev C A Mischell; 3.30 EP.

HC: 10 S Euch, Rutter in D. To er petrus (Palestrins); 11.30 Ch C. Edwards is Colearn minor, Locus iste (Bruckner); 3.30 Ch E. Responses (Smith), Like as the half (Howellis). ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Brimbergh: 8 MS: 10 MS, Five part Mass (Byre), The Minister: 11.30 MS. How lovely are thy dwellings (Brehrus): 6, St Giles' at Sb; 8 ES. Rev J Williams.

ST MARYS CATHEDRAL 8 Euch; 10.30

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D. Christi no in E [Tribel, Cartie M.
Saward S.Orgen Rockel
RUSSIAN ORTHODOR CATHEDRAL
Emismore Gardens, London, SW7: 1030
Divine Library, Klevari and traditional
polyphony, Met Anthony.

ALL SOULS, Language Place, WI: If Rev Dr. J Stort, 6.30 Rev R Trist. Stott 6.30 Rev R I'rst.

THE ASSUMPTION, Whenliff Stotel, WitII Missa brevis in G (Casali), Rejoice in the
Lord alway (Rediord),

CHELSEA OVD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; II.

M. Mr J Watherston: 12.15 HC; 6 B. Mr J Walkerston.
CNOWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND, Cowas Garden, WC2: II.IS Rev S Mischell; 6:30 Rev J McMathan.

FARM STREET, WI: 8, 9.30, 12.30, 4.15, 6.15 LM: II FIM. HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompto Road: SWI: 9 HC: It Morning Service. Rev R Thorpe; 5 Informal Service. Rev S Downham: 7.30 Informal Service (Rev S Downham). THE ORATORY. Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass. Mass for four voices (Byrd). Salvator nameli (Tallist), 12.30, 4:30, 7; 3.30 V &

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH Iveras Gdas, Wit II Holy Mass. Architis Y Gizirian.

Y GERTHAN.
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HC, Rev Dr G Barrie; H MS, Mr N Cowylli.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL [Methodist], SWI: 11, 6.30.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES [Linteran],
Gresham St. EC2 11 Rev Dr P Graves 6.30
Rev B Lucas. Rev B Lucas.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT.

Smithfield, ECt. 9 HC. 11 Ch Euch, Coronation Mass (Mozert), Rev V Stock; 6.10 E.

Collegium regale (Howels), O quant
gioriosum (Byrd) The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Elect Street, ECA: II Ch. M & Euch, Te Deum in A (Boyce, Jesu the very thought (Buirstow), Canon B Christianson; 6.30 Ch. E. Responses (Sanders), O quam.

gloriosum (Victoria), Guild Chaplain W Boulton. ST CLEMENT DANES: II Ch M, Te Deum

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Ch M, Te Deum in F (Irciand), Rev R Noble.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pour Street, SWI: 11 Rev C MacLeod; 6:30 Rev J.H McIndoe.

ST ETHRIDREDAS. Ely Place: 9 M; 11 SM, Missa: Simile est Regnum (Victoria). Cantate Domino' (Croce), Ave verum (Byrd), Prelude and fugure in G BWV 541 (Bech).

ST GEORGES, Henover Square, WI: 8:30 HC; 11'S Boat, The Rector.

Euch, Messe Soienrelle (Länglais), Tanhum ergo (Duruffe); 3.30 E. Gloucester Service (Howells), Blessed Chy (Beirstow).

ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL Dist. ST GEORGES, Henover Square, WI: 8.30 HC, 11'S Each, The Rector.

Aberdeen: Il Rev R Francischer Polyther (1988), Steener Gardens, WZ: 8 Euch; Aberdeen: Il Rev R Francischer Polyther (1988), Steener Gardens, WZ: 8 Euch; Thomas II Rev R Francischer Polyther (1988), Steener Gardens, WZ: 8 Euch; All Steener Gardens, WZ: 8 Euch; Thomas Mori Toldham), Draw us in the 8.15 M; II S English Missa, bitwis British (1988), Steener (Freedell), Rev B Wilson; 6 E. How lovely the dic incidences That are steener (Freedell), Rev B Wilson; 6 E. ST JAMES'S, Presenting 8.30 HC; H'S Euch. Rev M Robins; 5.45 EP. Rev M Robins: 545 EP.

ST JOHN'S, Stratford Els: II Funity Service. Rev M Okelio: 6.30 HC, Rev M Okelio. STLUKE'S, Chelses, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP & HC, Jesu, the very thought of thee (Buirstow); 6.30 E, O preise the Lord (Batteri), Rev C Kevill-Davies.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NWI: 8 HC: 9.45 Furnity Communion: II S Euch, Rev D

Bean.
ST MARGARETS, Westminster, SWI: II S
Ecch, Missa brevis-Sanctae Margaritae
(Gutteridge, Tantum ergo (Durufle), Canon
D Grave.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WCZ 8 HC; 9.6 Euch; 11.30 Visions to London Service, Rev. A Hurst; 2.45 Chinese Service. Rev G Les; 5 Ch E; 6.30 ES.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Stress, SWI: 9, 10, 7 LM; II HM, Missa for three volces (Byrd), Canon J Haliburton; 6 E & B. ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Euch, New English Hymnal. Rev S mer: 6 EP. ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, WI:

HC: II Ch Euch, Missa, Puisque Jai perdu assus), Rev J Caldwell ST PAULS, Wilton Place, SWI; 8, 9 HC; 11 S. Buch, Rev C Jones. ST. PETRIK'S, Eason Square, SWI: 8.15 HC: 10 Family Euch: 11 S Euch. Parer Nosser (Stravinsky), Missa a 4 (Monteverdi). Fr A

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner St. SW3: 8 HC: II M; 6.30 E. Panis Angelicus, Preb M ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SWi: 9-LM; II HM, O sacrum convivium (Mareuzio). Jesu dukis memoria (Victoria).

GUARDS CHAPEL. Wellington Barracks.
SWI: II M. A song of Joy (Gibbons). Thine to
defend me (Gang. Rev L H Bryan: 12 HC.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL Greenwich, SEIO: No services during August - college leave

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	PICCOTT:EDIS - On August 23rd 1937 at St John's, Greenhill, Harrow, John to		
HIRTHS	Mary, Congratulations and love from the family.		

HIRTHS

MARIOS - On 20th Aspect to Sarah (nie Braybrook) and Charlis, a son, Charles William Hardy. William Survive William William August 20th in Molbourke, Australia, to Katle (ade Corner) and Jenethan, a dawghter, Alice

HARRISON - On August 2 lst. to Jennifer (néo Royle) and Michael, a davejèrer, Rachel Indiy, a sister for Joszana and Patrick.

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David Allford, CBE, architect, died on August 10 aged 70 of a heart attack. He was born on July 12, 1927.

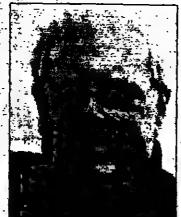
avid Allford never achieved the sort of celebrity enjoyed by today's architectural superstars, and nor would he have wanted to. Yet he was a prolific and unusually gifted architect, highly regarded by his peers, and some of the projects on which he worked are now familiar fixtures in thousands of daily lives.

Those buildings — which include Gatwick and Newcastle airports, St Thomas' Hospital, Warwick University, as well as numerous schools, housing schemes, office blocks and shoos - were not intended as spectacular personal statements, but as refined and often innovative expressions of a Modernist aesthetic in which form is at the service of function.

Allford's low public profile is explained by his decision not to practise in his own name but to spend his entire career with the distinguished architectural firm of Yorke, Rosenberg and Mardali (later YRM). He was, in particular, a protégé of F. R. S. Yorke himself. the firm's founder, who had worked with such masters of European Modernism as Walter Gropius and Marcel Brever before the war. The firm gave Allford a secure base from which to pursue his own brand of radical ideas.

David Allford was born in Sheffield. From his childhood he was always to remember the city's soot and smog, its 19th-century industrial buildings, its cramped, insanitary housing, its unemployment and poverty, and its factories, where his father had worked before dying of chronic bronchitis in

Those conditions, exacerbated by

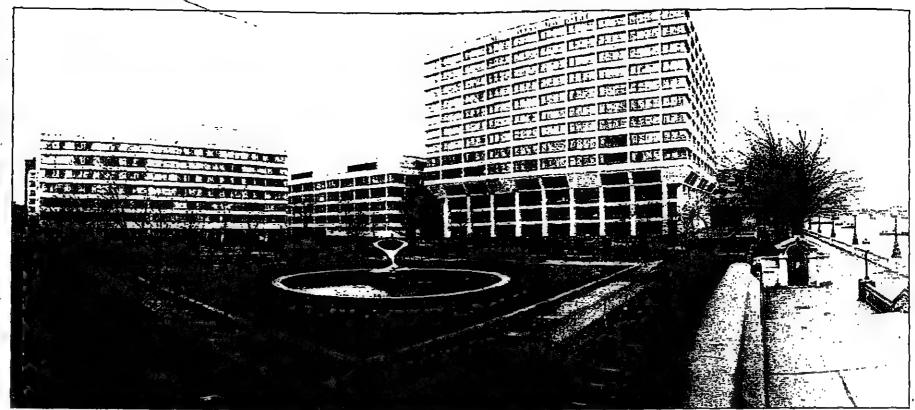


wartime bombing and austerity, were partly responsible for drawing Allford to architecture. But the other deciding factor in his choice of career came when he was 14 and was encouraged by his art teacher at High Storrs Grammar School to look at F. R. S. Yorke's book The Modern House Inspired by its Utopian spirit and its stylish illus-trations of clean, white buildings, he went on to study the works of Le Corbusier and Berthold Lubetkin, found out about Gropius and the Bauhaus, read poetry by Eliot, Auden and MacNeice, and saw the paintings of Klee and Kandinsky; for him, there were links between

By the time he joined the School of Architecture at Sheffield University in 1944 Allford was committed to the Modern movement. His training there was interrupted by three years in the RAF, and he qualified in 1952, after which he went to work at Yorke's office, an obvious choice in view of the importance of his influence early

In 1957, Yorke was commissioned to design Gatwick airport, a job which he entrusted to Allford.

### DAVID ALLFORD



Sir Thomas' Hospital overlooking the Thames in London: an example of the refined yet innovative style espoused by Allford and YRM

whom he made a partner in the practice a year later aged only 31. At Gatwick Allford succeeded in carrying out a first-rate modern building, of a daring glass and steel construction, airy and light, and immensely refreshing in contrast to the bulkiness of Heathrow. It received high praise as a striking piece of moloern artchitecture.

The most notable development in the firm's style from 1960 onwards was the adoption of the white tile as a finish for concrete. This striking innovation was seized upon by Allford and a newcomer on the

staff, Bryan Henderson, because it produced the smart, sharp aesthetic Allford so admired in the work of the 1920s; it had been used by his hero Le Corbusier in his Salvation Army building in Paris in 1926.

Allford introduced the tile to the interior of Gatwick first, and for many years after that every building façade designed by the practice was tiled. It became the firm's trademark; Keddies Supasave Store, which was completed in Southend in 1960, was tiled, and so too were the offices the architects built for themselves on the edge of the City in Greystoke Place in 1961. Then, with the publication of the Robbins Report on Higher Education in 1964, came the university building programme and the commission to design Warwick University, a huge undertaking that became Allford's main task for the

next ten years. He was, however, involved in many other buildings, particularly after 1975 when Rosenberg and Mardall retired (Yorke had died in 1962). That year the firm was renamed YRM and Allford became the senior partner. The more anonymous name was adopted partly because it was less cumbersome than the original, but also because the partners wanted to remove the emphasis on the individual, which was misleading in such a large, multidisciplinary firm. Buildings, they insisted, were the work of a team.

This attitude ensured that Allford remained largely unknown outside his own circle - not that he had any desire to be a media star. He preferred to get the work done, and

Nevertheless, he was not over- and two daughters.

looked: he was appointed CBE in 1984, was chairman of YRM from 1987 (when it was turned into a public company) until 1989 when he took early retirement, and was visiting professor at the Bartlett School of Architecture, University College London. He kept in close touch with Sheffield University where he was given an honorary doctorate, and with the Architectural Association School, where he was a member of the council in the late 1970s

He is survived by his wife, son

### **RUTH DYSON**

Ruth Dyson, harpsichordist, died on August 16 aged 80. She sens born on March 28.

AT A Twelfth Night concert in Dorking last year, audiences could hardly believe their eyes and ears when towards the end of an obscure 16th-century. keyboard piece — written in imitation of the baggipes — the little lady playing the harpsichord allowed the music to get slower and slower and, as the final bar arrived. let out a prolonged highpitched squeak and flopped over the keys, lapsing into loud theatrical snores. The performer was Ruth Dyson and the ensuing applause brought the house down. This encapsulates all that was marvellous about her: a scholarly nose that sniffed out unusual works, an ability to breathe musical life into them and above all - a sense of fun and vitality that hallmarked all of her performances.

Ruth Dyson spent her childhood and most of her adult life; in Dorking where her father, a keen amateur musician, was a doctor and numbered among his patients Vaughan Williams. Her association with the composer shaped her early musical outlook and threw her into the centre of English musical life, forging lasting friendships with Gerald Finzi, Herbert Howells and Constant Lambert. In the 1930s she acted as Leith Hill Music Festival librarian and never shirked her duty of erasing pencil marks from orchestral parts after performances. Dyson always treasured the phone call from Vaughan Williams - "Now, my dear. you haven't forgotten, have you, that we're meeting on

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Dyson studied piano with Kathleen Long and Angus Morrison at the Royal College of Music, but surprised the musical world by developing a passion for the harpsichord at time when the instrument was regarded as a curiosity, rarely seen outside museums. She maintained that it was the fine collection of early keyboard instruments at the College which kindled her interest in the harpsichord; but her devotion became concrete, when Susie Jeans - a fellow Dorking artist — gave Dyson unlimited access to her own priceless collection of keyboard instruments.

With the purchase of a. Goble harpsichord she began : use her fluent German and

her recitals at the Wigmore Hall in the 1940s and the gradual acquisition of further instruments over the decades - a clavichord by Thomas Goff, and a virginals by Derek Adlam among them - allowed her to branch into specialist areas. As a player she was particularly drawn to the English Baroque, and Purcell, Arne, Chilcot and notably Blow, never sounded more brilliant than under her fingers. She shared a lasting respect for this last composer with the late Handel scholar, Watkins Shaw, who for many years secretly supplied her with vintage Blow keyboard

pieces he had unearthed. She

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French to explain the subtleties of the music.

As a recording artist she had a particularly long associ-ation with the BBC who

crowned their relationship with her by broadcasting an electric 70th birthday recital, appropriately called Dyson's Delight: For Wealden Studios and Garnut she recorded large portions of the early keyboard repertoire - the complete clavichord works of Howells among them - and in 1988, For Two to Play, the principal keyboard dues before Mozart, with Peter Medhurst, her musical partner for the last twenty years. Medhurst remembers that a week before they were due to record, Dyson left a message on his answerphone saying that she grinder, but hoped that they would still go ahead. She played magnificently and only he and the engineers knew that she had recorded with four of her fingers swathed in In 1964 Dyson returned to the Royal College of Music as

had inadvertently stuck her

right-hand fingers in the coffee

Professor of Harpsichord and Piano and with a growing reputation as an inspired and the years, a whole fleet of brilliant students - Penny Cave, Melvyn Tan, Robert Woolley and Sophie Yates - to name but a few. The College recognised her services to music by awarding her the FRCM in 1980. Through playing plane du-

ets she met her husband, the military historian Edward Thomas, namesake and nephew of the war poet. Thomas, her intellectual equal, stimulated interests outside her professional sphere, while she in turn brought him into her august musical circles, arranging evenings at their house of chamber music, in which he played the bassoon. He was never prouder of her than when they stood side by side doing the washing-up while at the same time listening to one of her broadcasts on Radio 3. When he died last year, a vital purpose went out of her life and two days before her own death, she said to Peter Medhurst, after a recital they had just given, that she wondered if her weariness of spirit was the product of her enduring grief for her

husband. All who knew Dyson were aware that she could never have retired. Right up to the last, she travelled the country with Medhurst giving double recitals both as fellow harpsichordist and as accompanist to his songs. She died of a heart attack at the end of a happy week's coaching on the Dolmetsch summer school surrounded by her young students and a musical family who knew her well and loved her dearly.

Ruth Dyson is survived by her stepson and stepdaughter.

### YURI NIKULIN

Yuri Nikolin, Russian comic, died on August 21 aged 75. He was born on December 18, 1921.

IT IS a measure of Yuri Nikulin's enormous popularity in Russia that even after he was taken to hospital in a critical state after a heart attack two weeks ago, his death still came as a huge shock to millions of his countrymen. While Russian politination holds a handful of figures close to its heart. among them writers and actors, and in particular Nikulin, the greatest comic of his generation. When President Yeltsin went live on television, choking back tears to announce Nikulin's death and present the nation's condolences to his widow and son. the gesture summed up the feeting of the nation.

Yuri Vladimirovich Nikulin was born in the western Russian city of Smolensk into a generation which was to be dominated by the Second World War, during which he fought with distinction on the Finnish front. After the war he wanted to become an actor but was turned down, apparently because of his comic looks. Thankfully for his Russian fans, he turned instead to the circus, enrolling as a clown and joining the Moscow Circus in 1950 for a training that would serve him well in his subsequent film career. He won fame and devoted

fans across the Soviet Union in the 1960s in what became the Russian equivalent of the Three Stooges, playing alongside Georgi Vitsin and Yevgeni Morgunov in a series of films following the escapades of three drunken and incompetent layabouts. His most famous role came in 1968 when he starred in the hugely popular Diamond Arm, about a simple Soviet worker who earns the rare privilege of going on a cruise holiday to Istanbul. The trip turns into a comic nightmare when he breaks his arm and is mistaken for a courier by a gang of

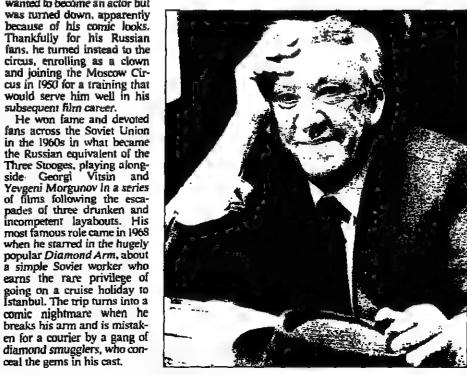
ceal the gems in his cast.

But Nikulin was not only a slapstick comic, and he will be remembered also for his more serious roles, including the children's film Come Mukhtar, the Russian equivalent of Lassie, and two war films, They Fought for the Motherland and Twenty Days Without War. Unlike the standard triumphalist Soviet war films featuring heroes conquering the Nazis, Nikulin's portrayal of the courage of the simple humanise a conflict which cost the country millions of young lives. His ability to depict the ordinary Russian, through comedy or tragedy, and to capture something of the Russian soul, ensured his unparalleled success right through the Soviet period and the post-Communist era, when his films continue to be shown again and again. As the Russian film director Mikhail Shveister once observed, Nikulin's greatest strength, and what made him irresistible throughout the past half century was his uncompromising determination to por-

tray life as it really was. "I'm sure that humour helps

people to survive the difficulties of life." Nikulin himself said earlier this year, "Laughter helps those who are suffering." In 1982 he returned to the Moscow Circus as artistic director and then became overall director on the famed building on Tsvetnoi Boulevard, which was extensively renovated under his direction. Although Russian children have all the modern diversions of their Western countername it is a tribute to his legacy that the Circus is still sold out every weekend and that a new generation of clowns are still being trained. Nikulin's humour will survive. Since 1936 he had collected more than 10,000 jokes and anecdotes which have been widely published and which many Russians know by heart. His body will lie in state

at the Moscow Circus, where tens of thousands of Russians from across the country are expected to pay their last respects. He will be buried at the Novodevichy Cemetery in Moscow, the resting place for the nation's leading figures. He is survived by his wife Tatyana and their son.



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THE DANGER OF "LIVE" RAILS.

The Board of Trade issued yesterday the official reports on three latal accidents which occurred during June as the result of contact with electric currents on railway lines. The first report, which is signed by Major Drutt. deals with the death of Patrick Flood, on June 9, at Formby, on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway. Flood was trespassing on the line in spite of notice-hoards pointing out the danger, and in spite of rails between 4h. and 5ft. high. Major Druitt states that the company have protected the power rail wherever the public or company's servants (other than platelayers) have any occasion to be on business or duty along the whole of the line worked electrically. With regard to the protection of platelayers engaged, the gang Major Druitt saw at work at Formby had the lower part of their shovel handles - i.e., where the iron straps of the shovel are fastened to the handle — protected by insulating material, and this protected them from shock if they accidentally touched the power rail with their shovels when packing the sleepers. As far as experience goes at present, it does not appear necessary to provide boarding for the "live" rail for the whole length of the line in order to protect the

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men employed in working the traffic, repairing the line, &c., or the passengers. The second case, the report on which is signed by Lieutenant-Colonel von Donon, occurred in June 13, when Joseph Innes, porter, was killed at Manors Station on the North-Eastern Railway. Innes was found dead on the line, his head being in contact with the live rail. The report states that the spot is one at which the company's servants habitually cross the line, and precautions should be taken to guard them from danger arising from the live rail. It is to be regretted that the live rails of the Typemouth branch had not been guarded nilarly to those of the main line. The steps

satisfactory, and should undoubtedly tend to lessen the liability of their servants coming into contact with the live rail. Finally Lieutenant-Colonel von Donop considers that guarding should be provided to all live rails where they pass through stations, and the company's attention is therefore drawn to the advisability of carrying out this further precaution. The third report, also signed by Lieutenant-Colonel von Donop, deals with the circumstances in which a boy, Jonas Whitehead, met with his death on June 29, when trespassing on the North-Eastern Railway. near St. Peier's Station. Although there was a subway under the line almost immediately under the spot where the accident occurred. Whitehead climbed a 5tt wall, and his bare feet came into contact with a live rail Lieutenant-Colonel von Donop is not prepared, at the present time at all events, to recommend the Board of Trade to call upon railway companies to guard their live rails continuously. Considering, however, that the spot at which this accident occurred is one at which trespass appears to have been for some time past very common, he thinks some steps should be taken by the company to prevent access from being so easily gained to their lines. Similar steps should also be taken at any other spots where trespass is common.

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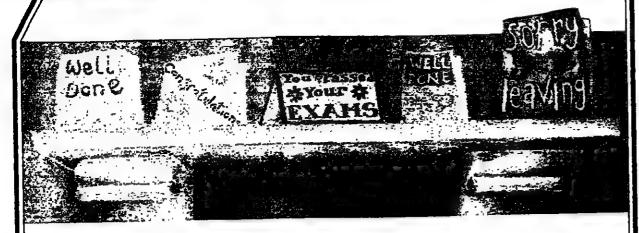
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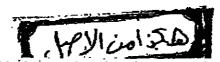
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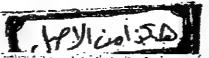
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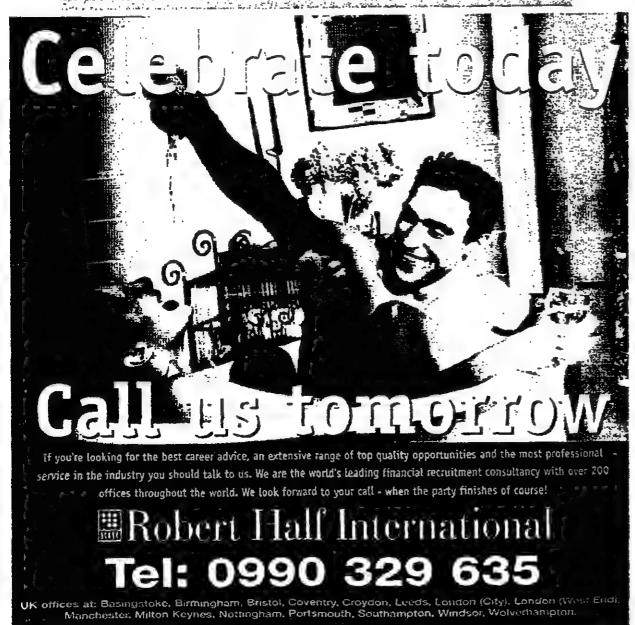
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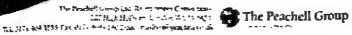


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recautre the provision of residential accommodation under section 21(1)(a) of the National Assistance Act 1948, lack of funds did not excuse it from performing its duty to make the appropriate алтапретиль, Nor was the local authority entitled to adopt a policy whereby

such a person was not to be assessed as unable to pay for accommodation if his capital exceeded a figure which was lower than the threshold prescribed by regulation. The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the charity. Help The Aged, and Mrs Charlotte

Blanchard from the dismissal by Mr Justice Jowin (The Times March 27, 1997) of their application for judicial review of the policies adopted by Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council. Sefton had adopted a policy for

deciding whether to grant applica-tions under section 21(1)(a) of the 1948 Act which had regard, inter alia, to its own resources. When providing accommodation through third parties under the 1948 Act the authority was required to charge the cost to the applicant and if the applicant's capital fell below £10.000 the amount payable was reduced.

The authority fixed a lower capital threshold, allowing applications from those falling below it and deferring applications from those whose capital fell between the thresholds for reconsideration at weekly

Those in provided accommodation whose capital rose above £16,000 were treated as being no longer housed under the Act and were required to reapply if their capital fell below £16,000. Mrs Blanchard, who was in

need of continuing nursing care, first applied to Seiton's allocation panel in June 1990 when her capital fell below £10,000. Althrough she received residential her application was deferred until her capital fell below £1.500 in May 1997. After that date Sefton funding recommodation.

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deciding if an elderly person was in need of care and attention, in which case it would be required to make arrangements for residential aco enmodation to be available to her, was entitled under section 216/ai of the 1948 Act, to have regard to its limited financial

2 If its limited resources were reievant, did they justify the policy

3 Whether, in determining if "care and attention is not otherwise available" to a person an authority was entitled to taken the resources of that person into account even though the resources fell below the levels prescribed by the National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Regulations (\$1 1002 No 2977) for the purposes of sections 22

His Lordship referred, inter alia. to sections 21, 22 and 36 of the 1948 Act, paragraphs 20 and 28 of the 1992 Regulations and to R v Glouerstershire County Council. Ex parte Barry (The Times March 21, 1997; 1997] 2 WLR 459).

in that case the primary question, resolved in the affirmative, was whether a local authority could properly take into account its our financial resources when assessing the needs of a disabled person under section 2(1) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970.

His Lordship said that there were obvious distinctions herween the language of section 2011 of the 1970 Act and that of sections 21 and 22 of the 1948 Act. But the words necessary in order to meet the needs of that person" in the former Act were not dissimilar from the words in section 21 "in need of care and attention".

However the word "necessary in section 2(1) provided an emphasis which was absent from section 21 and many of the matters dealt with in section 2(1), although important to the recipient, were not of the same significance as dealt with in section 21.

When consideration was given as so how Selton devised its policy it was clear that the words in section 21 'in need of care and attention" could have no applica-

tion in that policy. The policy was not to use its financial position to provide a standard against which to assess need but to defer consideration and payment, because of its lack of resources, where it accepted that there was a need of care and

attention. Under section 21 once the authority had come to the conclusion that the person concerned was in need of care and attention which was not otherwise available to him then residential accommodation was to be provided.

There was no doubt that Mrs Blanchard was in need of care and attention. While fully accepting, in accordance with the Burry case, that it was possible to perform a cust benefit analysis in relation to a person's need of services listed in action 2(1) of the 1970 Act and then decide if they were necessary, taking into account the resources of the authority, it was much more difficult to perform the same exercise when deciding whether a person was in need of care and

However having regard to the reasoning of Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead and Lord Clyde in the Barre case, his Lordship was compelled to cunclude that there was a limited subjective element in making the assessment of whether the ailments of the person concerned did or did not collectively establish a need for care and

The first issue was therefore to he answered in the affirmative. However, in the present case, it was clear that Selton accepted that Mrs Blanchard met its threshold attention. What it sought to do was to say that because of its lack of

it by the section. It was not entitled to do that Once the authority was satisfied that Mrs Blanchard was "in need of care and attention" unless it could rely on the words "which is not otherwise available to them" it was under an obligation to fulfil its

duty and a lack of resources was nu vacuse: The second issue was therefore to be determined adversely to

Schon. Determining the third issue also adversely to Selton his Lordship said that if Mrs Blanchard had had no capital Sefton would, notwithstanding its lack of re-sources, have undoubtedly per-

formed its section 21 duty lis refusal to do so was dependent on her condition but her capital resources. That was shown by the fact that once her capital resources were reduced below EL500 it provided the financial

assistance she sought.
The regime provided for under section 22 read with section 26 provided a different scale for judging a person's ability to pay, Sefton was not entitled to provide its own scale and its approach

Regulations determined the authority's liability once Mrs Blanchard's capital fell below Ein,000, It then became under an obligation to provide financial assistance.

The statutory scheme rested on the assumption that care and attention was not to be regarded as "otherwise available" if the person concerned was unable to pay for it according to the means test regime provided by section 22.

Section 22(5) required Selton to give effect to the regulations. That Selion had not done. He would therefore allow the appeal. Lord Justice Ruch and Lord

Justice Henry agreed. Solicitors: Mrs Jean Gould. Bloomsbury: Mr Michael Scott,

### Views do not disqualify judge

Before Lord Justice McCowan, Mr Justice Ognall and Mr Justice Maurice Kay

Hadgment July 29 A judge was not disqualified from

trying a case just because he held personal views which might be louched upon in the case. The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in a reserved judgment dismissing the appeal of Nicole Natalie Browne against her convictions on February 8, 1996 at the Central Criminal Court Hudge Coombe and a jury) of conspiracy to cause actual bodily harm, after a piez of guilty, and robbery and possession of a revolver while

committing robbery, which she

Mr Paul Hardy, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Christopher R. Milchell for the prosecution. LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN

said that the appellant paid three men to visit her former boylriend to assault and rob him. When arrested she made some admissions but when interviewed at advice, she remained silent.

the police station, on her solicitor's The first ground of appeal was based on remarks made by the judge before the case started.

He had said that for many years he had thought that the right to silence, as it was exercised, was a charter for the dishonest and never beloed 'the innocent. He also

not be lawful for a solicitor to ment" to every question. He refused an application to

disqualify himself, in the light of those remarks, from trying the

The judge was a very experi-enced judge in criminal cases. He clearly formed the opinion that his personally held views would not in any way prevent him from trying the case in a fair and unbiased He was entitled to come to that

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#### **NEWS**

#### New CJD strain threatens thousands

■ The number of cases of CJD could run into thousands. scientists fear, after the disclosure that a woman who has been vegetarian for 11 years is suffering from the new strain.

A study published earlier this year predicted a total of between 156 and 213 cases with a ten-year incubation period but between 7,000 and 88,000 with a 25-year period ......

#### Saatchi gets £16m to promote dome

Peter Mandelson faced a left-wing backlash after it emerged that the Tories favourite advertising agency, M & C Saatchi, had been awarded the £16 million contract for the Greenwich dome. The German company, sacked from the contract to make the dome's skin, is seeking E2 million in damages .... ... Page 1

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Alan Clark, the Tory MP who said that he deserved to be horsewhipped for his adultery, is set to co.:vert to Catholicism ...... Page 1 Blairs' horseplay

Tony and Cherie Blair were unsure how to react when a French village presented them with a fivemonth-old foal..... .... Page 3

#### Police seized a boat belonging to Gordon Park after they confirmed

'Lake' boat seized

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### A serial sex attacker who struck

within weeks of being released from prison has been jailed for life at Bristol Crown Court...... Page 7 Oxford blues

An Oxford undergraduate who dealt in drugs from his college room faces a prison sentence for supplying Ecstasy and cannabis Page 6

#### Drought debate

Gardeners are divided by Thames Water's anti-drought campaign in which it advises people to put ice cubes in their hanging baskets and newspapers over their bor-.. Page 8

#### Church of comedy The secret home of British tele-

vision comedy for the past 20 years has been revealed as a church hall in West London .....

#### Bribe allegation

A former Arkansas state trooper claims he was offered \$100,000 to ensure favourable testimony in the Whitewater case,

#### Evacuation doubt

A plan to evacuate those wishing to leave Montserrat appeared to be in jeopardy ..... ....Page 13

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Two cosmonauts completed repairs to give the Mir space station a new lease of life ...... Page 14

#### Style pilgrims flock to Versace's grave

■ The grave of Gianni Versace, the fashion designer murdered in Miami five weeks ago, is becoming an increasingly popular destination on the Italian tourist itinerary as hundreds of visitors

Bathers enjoy the hot weather on Brighton's nude beach yesterday. Forecasters warned of thunderstorms over the Bank Holiday weekend

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### Cricket: Phil Turnell took sev-

en for 64 as England dismissed Australia for 218 at the Oval. Football: Steve McManaman hopes for a return to normality today, when he gets back to playing ..

Rugby union: Geoff Cooke." the former England manager, criticised the Twickenham hierarchy for its handling of Jack Rowell .......Page 47

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Marrison on the crimes committed in the name of Flat fizz. The winner of the Percier Award for the best comedy act of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe is announced tonight, but the shortlist contains few real discoveries .... Page 17

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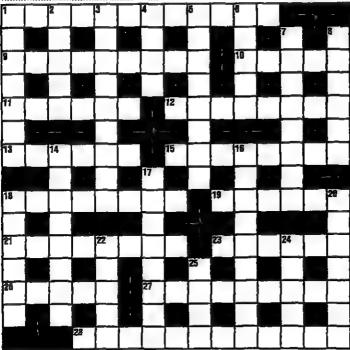
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- after lesing money (6). 15 Gossip the foundation for Xeno phon's work? (S).
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16 Hit the water here on the Thames

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18 Be about to offer a mineral (6).

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20 Opera composer not quite taken

24 Saw a defunct oath resurrected

25 Members needed by gun club (4).

6 Rough time? Nothing in it (5).

8 Old lovers race home (2.4).

partners perform (S),

22 Cut and share round (5).

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4 One in front strutting (4).

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westerty. Max 25C (77F). Westery, Max 25C (77).

SE England, E Anglia, E England: there will be a good deal of cloud, but a lew bright or sunny apells are also likely in the afternoon. Wind light, southwesterly, Max 26C (79F).

Channel N. Walse: a dull day with extensive hit and coestal log. There will be rain at times, perticularly in the moming. Wind light, southwest. Mex 22C (72F).

☐ NY England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England, NE England: rather cloudy with rain at times in the morning. Cloudy later with rain confined to hills Wind light, southwest Max 21C (70F).

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### ☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundes, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands: a cloudy start with outbreaks of rain. The afternoon should see some drier and brighter weather. Wind light, variable. Max 19C

Morey Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shet-land: occasional sunny spals land: occasional summy spells interspersed with a few showers. Wind moderate, southwest. Max 18C (4F).

Northern Ireland: any momini rain should die out to lauve a mainly dry afternoon. Wind light, southwest. Max 20C (68F).

brighter weather. Wind light or mod-erate, northwesterly. Outlook: North and west mostly dry and bright on Sunday; south and east cloudy. Heavy rein expected to spread from south on Monday.

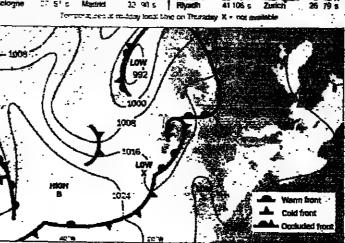
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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

BT forces

£3bn cut

in MCI

merger

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

SATURDAY AUGUST 23 1997

### Mean Fiddler plays the flotation tune

LONDON: TWINNED WITH WALL ST

Telecom and America's MCI

brink yesterday after BT negotiated a £3 billion cut in

the price it must pay for MCI.

certain to back the deal, which

was reworked after a surprise profits warning from MCI last

month. BT shares rose 2350

to 436p, with 180 million

shares traded, as the size of the

cut - up to 25 per cent

depending on share price and exchange fluctuations - ex-

Despite the debacle, bonus

payments promised to BT and MCI executives will remain intact. For Sir Peter Bonfield.

chief executive, completion of the deal could mean an extra

\$500,000 over the next two years. For MCI senior execu-

tives there is a £100 million

ceeded expectations.

bonus pot on offer.

BT shareholders now seem

was brought back from the

VINCE POWER, the music industry tycoon behind this weekend's Reading Festival, yesterday revealed plans to float Mean Fiddler, his events company, to raise cash for

Mean Fiddler is the organisation that runs several bigincluding Tribal Gathering, the Phoenix Festival and Fleadh. Mr Power said: "I think the only way to do it is to go to the market with what Power: international aim we've got, I think we will have

worth\_fil billion against the

£14 billion previously agreed.

MCI, which had previously

refused to accept a lower price,

declined to say why it had

climbed down so abruptly.

Both sides put on a united

front. Tim Price, president of MCI, said that the new terms had been struck to ensure "a

win-win situation for share-

Institutional shareholders

have put pressure on BT to

renegotiate the merger after

the July profits warning from

MCI, which said that its losses

in the local markets would

double to \$800 million (£500

The extent of the price cut

surprised the City. Most inves-tors welcomed the revised

terms but some believe dam-

age has been done to BT's

credibility. One said: This is a

sensible compromise that goes

holders and customers.

hopefully be on the market by

Mr Power, 50, who is worth an estimated £30 million, built up his reputation as a music industry heavyweight in the 1980s by establishing a chain of London music venues, in-cluding The Forum and The Clapham Grand. He was also the driving force behind the sell-out comeback tour of the

Sex Pistols last year. Mean Fiddler's flotation plans come amid heightened competition between festival organisers, with many fash-

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Receiver in

Simon Freakley, of Buch-ler Phillips, said: "Interest

has always been shown in

the business by potential

buyers and we are confident

that the business will be sold

as a going concern. It is very

much business as usual and

we shall be working with the

company's management and

staff to ensure that the

business is not disrupted."

money into big events to target the ages of 16 and 24. Mike Mathieson, a director

of FFI, the agency that organ-ises sponsorship for Mean Fiddler, said: "Sponsorship deals are now worth a lot of money, whereas, in the past, companies thought that it was very risky to get involved in music or music festivals because they were too associated with sex and drugs." Each year, rivals to Mean

Fiddler's events gain more sup-

port, with festivals such as the

simultaneously in Leeds and Chelmsford last weekend attracting about 200,000 fans. V97, which has been run-

Virgin-sponsored V97 — held

ning for only two years, was created for Virgin by the mar-keting company KLP, which also created T in the Park, the Tennents-sponsored festival that was held near Gleneagles, on Tayside, in July.
It is estimated that, by the

end of the summer, nearly three million people will have gone to more than 20 festivals, paying between £28 and £70

last up to four days. In spite of growing competition, events organised by Mean Fiddler have enjoyed an influx of cash from leading brands, with this year's Reading Festival attracting sponsorship from Virgin Megastores, Dr Martens and Radio I.

The company, which yesterday refused to give any further details on its planned flotion, aims to capitalise on this sponsorship revenue by staging its events in cities all over

### **WEEKEND**



**Anne Ashworth** on the dangers of inertia

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# **Dow Jones**

### Shares follow Dow for third Friday retreat

By Graham Serjeant, Financial editor

WITH A sense of inevitability. shares prices again retreated round the globe on the coat-tails of Wall Street. Shouldershrugging traders, perhaps prematurely, treated the third successive Friday drop as an embarrassingly bad August habit rather than any sign of incipient collapse.

New York again played the lead. Top shares had fallen by an average of 1.6 per cent by lunchtime, but these losses merely gobbled up the gains made since the previous Friday's drop. At that stage, the Dow-Jones industrial average had shed 128 points in a morning to 7,766, yet was still I per cent higher than the previous Friday's close of 7,695.

Share price falls again went hand in hand with a receding dollar. It slid nearly two cents against sterling, to \$1,6060, and by 2½ pfennings against the mark, to DM 1.81. The pound eased against the mark too after the Bundesbank signalled more aggressive tactics on Thursday, leaving the Sterling index a touch higher.

shed 507 points, or 2.6 per cent, to 18.650. The Nikkei lost 3.5 per cent on the week, continuing its relapse from about 2,050 since mid-July. On the Continent, most bourses anticipated further trouble in America, In Amsterdam, the

AEX index lost 3.35 per cent.

A worrying feature was that

bond prices also edged down

change followed a similar

pattern as it has done most of

this year. The FTSE 100 index

last 76.9 points, or 1.5 per cent,

to 4,901.1. Dealers were keen

to square their books for Monday when London is

closed and other centres open.

London's blue chip shares still finished the week on

average 0.7 per cent higher than they started. For all the

weekly alarums. leading

shares are much as they were

at the beginning of the month.

Earlier, Tokyo had followed Thursday's drop in New York.

The Nikkei 225-share index

in London and New York. The London Stock Ex-

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Best buys. The outlook for discounts

#### at Village The shares and cash offer some way to address BT for the 80 per cent of MCI shareholder concerns. But the shares that BT does not alcredibility of management has **Nurseries** been dented ..." Sir Iain Vallance, chairman ready own changes with the relative share price of the ABOUT 750 jobs came companies and exchange of BT, said that the two companies had emerged from under threat yesterday as rates. At Thursday's closing price, when the new terms administrative receivers

the renegotiations with a stronger relationship for havwere called into English ing faced difficulties. Sir Peter denied the new price meant that BT had got the sum wildly wrong in the first place. He Sivell writes). This is clearly a fast-

changing marketplace."

BT said that synergies from
the deal would deliver £1.5 billion over the first five years, running at £500 million a year in the fifth year.

Analysis have welcomed the new terms. Jim McCafferty at Hoare Govett, said: "This is a lot more of a renegotiaton that we expected." Richard Jones at Yamaichi said: "This seems a good deal given the hefty reduction in the price."

Sir Peter added that all the

management positions set by the last merger arrangement will remain. BT and MCI will seek approval for the new terms from shareholders at extraordinary general meetings in November - a year after the first merger deal.

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Manufacturers boost spending on investment

4000

By RACHEL HOLMES

Village Nurseries, a fresh produce supplier 33 per cent MANUFACTURING investowned by Geest, the publicly ment has remained robust in quoted fruit group (George spite of pressure on exports from the higher pound. British manufacturers invested £3.62 billion between The company is a big

May Jun Jul Aug

producer of fresh tomatoes and supplies them to super-April and June, according to markets. Buchler Phillips, Office of National Statistics data released yesterday. The the administrative receiver. figures represent a 10 per cent said that it had been appointed after several months of increase over the first three very difficult trading condimonths of the year, and a 26 tions and after a big litigaper cent rise over the same tion claim against one of English Village Nurseries neriod last year. A different set of official fertiliser suppliers over an allegedly faulty product.

figures released on Thursday showed investment overall is stagnating, with gross fixed capital formation rising by only 0.1 per cent in the three months to the end of June. This moribund performance appears to be attributed largely to subdued government and housing expenditure. Business investment -- which comprises manufacturing, some services industries, construction and other production industries — as a whole grew by 4.8 per cent quarter-onquarter, and 8.5 per cent yearon-year. While capital expenditure by services remained broadly constant at £8.15 billion, spending by construction and manufacturing firms rose dramatically. In construction, capital expenditure rose 48 per cent on first quarter figures, and 19 per cent on the second quarter of 1996.

The main reason for spending on such fixed assets is to increase efficiency; expanding capacity is a relatively unimportant concern. Domestic demand is strong, but the appreciation of sterling has placed a premium on maintaining low costs so as to compete at home and abroad. Globalisation and the low inflation environment have also had an impact. Firms now lack the pricing power to be able to pass on cost increases, curren-

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### Channel 5 'will be worth £1bn'

By JASON NISSÉ

CHANNEL 5, the television channel launched only at Easter, is already worth £440 million and will be worth as much as £1 billion by the year 2000, according to analysis being presented today by a leading bank.

This compares with a budgeted investment of only £300 million into the station by its four shareholders - Pearson, United News & Media, CLT, the Luxernbourg-based broadcaster, and Warburg Pincus, the US investment bank.

In a speech being given today at the Edinburgh International Television Festidenotes middey trading price | val. Anthony Fry, managing director of

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, will dismiss what he describes as "self-serving criticisms" of Channel 5's performance since

He will point to Channel 5's success in securing feature films and the rights to the European matches of Premiership teams such as Arsenal as belping to build an audience. "Channel 5 can be a financial and commercial success as a rather ordinary broadcaster," Mr Fry is saying.

Latest figures show Channel 5 winning an audience share of 3.1 per cent despite only being received by 63 per cent of the viewing public in the UK. This is expected to increase as new transmitters come on line and, in the areas where it is received. the channel has a 5 per cent share. BZW has compared the value of Channel 5 to the prices paid in recent deals to buy TV stations, notably United's £371 million purchase of HTV Group, which broadcasts in Wales and the West Country and commands just 26 per cent of the national TV audience. "All the forecasters are expecting sub-

stantial increases in both advertising and

audience shares by the year 2000," Mr Fry says. "By that time, Channel 5 could be worth close on £1 billion." On that basis United's stake will be worth nearly £300 million and Pearson's

nearly £250 million, having invested no more than £160 million between them.

Swiss head of Bally

quits over differences

ERNST THOMKE. Switzerland's most renowned company turnaround specialist, resigned yesterday as head of the Bally

International shoe division of Oerlikon-Buehrle Holding.

Oerlikon said: The reasons are irreconcilable differences of

opinion between Oerlikon-Buehrle Holding AG and Ernst

Thomke. These lie outside the existing strategies, concepts

and the work introduced at Bally."

Bally, specialising in shoes, leather goods and upmarket clothes, hired Mr Thomke as chief executive officer in

September 1995. His successor has not yet been named. Mr

Thomke, 58, is credited with reviving a string of moribond Swiss companies, including Swiss watchmaker Ste Suisse. Microelectronique et d'Horlogerie SA (SMH) and Saurer, a textile machinery and automobile component maker. Mr

textile machinery and automobile component maker. Mr
Thomke let it be known during an interview in early August
that he might resign unless problems were resolved. A
spokesman for Mr Thomke said: "It has nothing to do with the
strategy and the concepts, and what we are doing with the
restructuring of Bally. This will be continued in the same way."
The differences were well-known and related to how and when
to float Bally and board discussions on content.

Views sought on Fedsure

THE Office of Fair Trading said yesterday that it was inviting public comment on the acquisition by Fedsure,

the South African financial services group, of Beale-Dobie, the market-maker in secondhand endowment policies majority owned by Hambros Insurance Services.

The Office of Fair Trading said that it was considering whether the proposed acquisition should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The deadline for public comment has been set for September 8.

### Malaysian circular reveals depth of UK contractor's problems

### Frustrated chief leaves ailing Costain

THE head of civil engineering at Costain, the embattled contractor, has resigned as the company struggles to overcome its latest financial crisis.

George May, who had been with the company for 28 years and who had been tipped to become chief executive, left in frustration after the company, which was once one of the biggest names in UK building. failed to sort out its problems,

tor, left on the June 30, but his resignation was not announced to the Stock Exchange because he was no longer a main board member.

The depth of Costain's problems was revealed yesterday in a circular to shareholders in Intria, the Malaysian company owning 37.2 per cent of

The circular, distributed in Malaysia, said that, for Costain to stay a going concern,

"the group must secure additional funding in order to meet its working capital require-ments", It added: "The level of funding will determine whether the group has adequate headroom to meet any addi-

tional requirements." Intria paid E73 million for its Costain stake in July last year, believing that it had rescued the company and that it had opened the door to winning a huge amount of international construction work. However, the circular puts the book value of the Costain investment at just £20.7 million and says that the com-pany will be loss-making for at least the next two years.

Intria forecasts that it will lose £2.37 million on its Costain shareholding this year and £1.52 million next year. Even these losses are based on an assumption that "significant new work will be won in

order to secure profits for the estimate and forecast period". Costain is close to announcing a debt-for-equity swap with its bankers to cut debt thought

to be about £22 million. Intria's stake will be reduced to just over 30 per cent, causing observers to suggest that up to 25 per cent of Costain's equity will go to the banks, led by National Westminster. This would wipe out Costain's debt. A £40 million cash injection

is also rumoured for the group, although the identity of the investor remains a mystery. The investor is almost certainly from overseas, where Costain has a slightly less battered reputation than in the UK.

Shares in Costain were sus-pended in November last year. The company's delayed 1996 accounts are expected shortly. and the shares may be relisted

BY RACHEL HOLMES

CAR production in the Uni-ted Kingdom fell by a sea-

Compared with the same

9.9 per cent.

With the economy buoyant and windfalls burning holes in some consumers' pockets, the domestic retail market has been more resilient than many would have anticipated. The Government's Bud-

Continued weak demand.

However production decisions are relatively immune to the strength of sterling in the short term.

Indeed, on an unadjusted export in the six months to July increased 12.4 per cent compared with the same period in 1996.

period in 1996.

Moreover, according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, cars produced for the domestic market jumped to 90,210 in July, up 6.9 per cent on July 1996, to meet the peak demand in August mend in August.

pected to reach as high as 490,000 to 500,000 units.

tive edge.

Domestic demand may also decline as higher interest rates make finance schemes more expensive and

### UK car output falls in face of forecasts

sonally adjusted 7.9 per cent in the six months to July compared with the previous half-year period, according to figures released yesterday by the Office for National Statistics.

period a year earlier, produc-tion for the home market fell

This picture seems at odds with other evidence suggest-ing that UK car manufacturers are enjoying a relatively

get in June did not hit corporate cars as badly as it might have done.

in many continental European economies, the destination of the majority of cars exported, has affected production to a certain extent.

Sales this month are ex-

But experts anticipate a slight easing of production in the second half as the effects of the stronger currency kick in. eroding the UK's competi-

growth rates slow.

Mallett turnover up 35%

MALLETT, the fine art dealer, lifted pre-tax profits to £1.19 million from £773,000 in the six months to June 30, on turnover that rose 35 per cent to £7 million from £5.2 million. Earnings advanced to 5.84p a share from 3.75p and the interim dividend is increased to 1.3p a share from 1.1p. The company said that although the strength of sterling had adversely affected sales in continental Europe, it had little impact on sales to America. Normally about 80 per cent of Mallett's business involves buyers in Britain and America.

### Graystone chief resigns

GRAYSTONE, the engineering and components distribution group, yesterday atmounced the resignation of Dick Richardson, the non-executive chairman. The company said Mr Richardson, who will pursue other interests, would be succeeded by Bob Wickham, a non-executive director, while a search began for a permanent replacement. Last week, Graystone, based in Wilmslow, Cheshire, ended takeover talks with an unnamed company. Yesterday the shares fell 5p to a new low of 38's p. A year ago the shares were worth 150p.

### Cliveden blames delays

CLIVEDEN, the hotels group, gave warning yesterday that planning delays would hit results for the full year to October 31, 1997. The shares, however, rose 2p to 63 ap. Cliveden said planning approval delays have had an adverse effect on the current year results, but it was "confident that targeted levels of the contraction of the current year results, but it was "confident that targeted levels of the current year results, but it was "confident that targeted levels of the current year results." of profitability and return on capital remain achievable". The company said it has now received three planning approvals, which will allow it to expand its three hotels. Cliveden, the Cliveden Town House and the Royal Crescent Hotel.

### Dunloe makes cash call

DUNIOE HOUSE, the Irish property company whose shares have been suspended at 32 p, yesterday announced a shares have been suspended at 322 p. yesterday announced a 1rES million (£22.7 million) placing and open offer at 18p a share. Existing shareholders are being offered nine new shares for every five held. Dunloe also announced the acquisition of properties owned by Monarch. Aviette and Cherrywood for around IrESI million. In the six months to June 30 Dunioe made Ir £405,406 (Ir £26,613). Earnings were 0.44p (0.02p). Once again there is no dividend.

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### Bond's jail term raised

ALAN BOND, the failed Australian entrepreneur, has been jailed for an extra three years for his part in Australia's higgest corporate fraud. An appeal court in Western Australia said that a four-year sentence imposed in February failed to reflect the seriousness of his crimes. Thousands of small investors in Bond schemes lost their money after his empire collapsed. Bond, 59, who could have sought parole in 1998, now has an earliest possible release date of June 1999. He is serving a concurrent three-year sentence for an earlier fraud.

### Vaux sells five hotels

VAUX, the hotels, pubs and brewing company, is selling five of its three-star Swallow hotels to Chasley Lifestyle. The sale was announced yesterday, along with the completion of the disposal of the 38-strong St Andrews mursing homes chain to Highfield Group. The combined proceeds of the transactions comes to £48 million, with the potential for a further £3 million from the earn-out formula for the St Andrews sale. Vaux currently has two four-star hotels under construction in Liverpool and Huntingdon at a cost of £14 million.

### **Tinsley Robor grows**

TINSLEY ROBOR, the supplier of packaging to the music and multimedia publishing industries, is to buy Pinepoint, a pre-press company, for £2.7 million, of which £1.7 million is due on completion, with the balance payable over the next three years: Pinepoint, which earned £350,000 before tax but after non-recurring items on turnover of £2 million, will work alongside Sonicon. Tinsley Robor's design and pre-press. subsidiary. Colin Baker will continue to manage Pinepoint. but Doug Roach, its co-founder, is leaving the business.

#### Ann Iverson, chief executive of Laura Ashley, went uncharacteristically quiet as rumours irculated of weak sales factory closures and a disastrons American expansion programme

THE SUNDAY TIMES

For a woman who promised success. failure on her house territory was particularly galling .... 9 THE SUNDAY PAPERS

### Mr May, a managing direc-Investment in ethical funds more than doubles

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

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added to the list. More recent-

ly ethical funds have started to

use positive criteria in their

stock selection, picking companies who are actively in-

volved in improving the

environment and care about

their community.

PRIVATE investors are pouring money into ethical funds. New figures out today show that ethical funds have more than doubled their assets in the past three years.

Funds under management in ethical unit and investment trusts grew from £672,3 million in July 1994 to £1.4 billion last month, according to the Ethical Investment Research Service (Eiris). This growth outpaced conventional funds. which increased by a relatively meagre 55 per cent.

Nevertheless, consciencedriven investment remains a minority activity, just under 1 per cent of the £150 billion of lunds under management, up by just 0.3 per cent since 1994. Karen Eldridge, head of client services at Eiris, said the figures showed that ethical

### Liverpool Bay oil boosts Monument

BY GEORGE SIVELL

MONUMENT Oil and Gas, the independent oil company, enjoyed the benefit of first production at the Liverpool Buy field in the North Scu in the six months to June 30. Sales more than dou-

hled from £8.3 million to £17 million and operating profits rose from £6.5 million to £15.4 million, However, the impact of putting £8.7 million of interest charges into the profit and loss account kept growth in after-tax profits down from £6.8 million to £7.9 million. Earnings per share rose from 0.48p to 1.13p and again there is no dividend. Last year shareholders received £33 million in a complex capital reorganisation.

Production rose SS per cent to 22,700 harrels of oil equivalent a day, although Monument says that Liverpool Bay suffered some delays and is not yet up to full production. It is approaching target levels and was averaging more than 50,000 barrels a day by the half-year end.

The main thrust of Monument's expansion plans remains overseas. Field operations have begun in Turkmenistan.

☐ Tullow Oil yesterday said that its development plans for the Sara field in Pakistan had received approval from the Government. Gas from the field will be delivered to Guddu the Pakistan water and power development authority. Fullow shares rose Pap to 100 ap.

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### **Bass exits Carlsberg-Tetley**

BY OUR CITY STAFF

BASS, the brewing and leisure group, has exercised and completed its option to sell all its

nterests in Carlsberg-Tetley. By their nature ethical the brewer, to Carlsberg of Denmark for £110 million. funds are unable to invest in blue chip members of the FTSE 100 index. This can affect their performance. All ethical funds had a terriffic run until this spring when a bull market in the banks and pharmaceuticals left them

Bass exercised the option after a decision by Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, to block its proposed merger with Carlsberg-Tetley. Under the terms of the 1995 merger agreement signed be-tween Bass and Allied

Domecq, the wines and spirits group. Bass has also asked Allied to refund £30 million paid by Bass for Allied's stake in Carlsberg-Tetley. Bass, whose chairman is

Sir Ian Prosser, announced

last August its plan to ac-quire Allied's 50 per cent stake in Carlsberg-Tetley for £200 million. The group also planned to buy the rest of the business from Carlsberg in exchange for Carlsberg tak-

ing a 20 per cent stake in the merged company. Bass expects to make a net loss from the failed merger bid of about £60 million before tak-

#### ing account of income from its 50 per cent share of Carisberg-Tedey's profits earned while its bid was under review. Bass's bid for Carlsberg-

Tetley was the first significant judgment on a competition issue after Mrs Beckett came

### Pyrex creator sells houseware business

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

CORNING, whose glass casserole dishes and ceramic pans have brought joy to generations of chefs and housewives, is to sell its houseware business to a New Yorks based investment firm. Since the company's cre-

ation \$2 years ago, its Pyrex

measuring cups. Corelle dish-es and Revere Ware pots are the staples of every kitchen in North America, and few British homes are without them. Coming, however, has branched increasingly into the more lucrative high-technolngy business of optical fibre cables for telephone lines. Last year, houseware contributed \$630 million (£304 million) to total company sales of \$3.7 billion, and made only \$38 million in net profit. AEA Investors, founded in

1969 as a private investment firm, outbid at least six rivals for an 59 per cent stake in Curning Consumer Products Co. the company's houseware arm. Although figures were not disclosed, it is helieved that Corning stands to earn about \$975 million before taxes, of which \$750 million will be in cash. The balance is to conte in a refinancina pockage. A source close to Coming said that after-tax profit would amount to about \$250 million. Corning will retain ", per cent of the business

### **Ennstone bid** for Bruntcliffe

ing and aggregates com-pany, has made an agreed £26.2 million bid for Bruntcliffe Aggregates in which it owns a 9.4 per cent stake (Chris Ayres writes). The deal will see 15 new

Ennstone shares issued for every Bruntcliffe share, valued at 48.75p each. Mineral and General Investments. whose 4.2 per cent stake in Bruntcliffe was disenfranchised after a prolonged dispute, will be allowed to

### ENNSTONE, the quarry-

vote for the takeover.

If the bid is completed,

Bruntcliffe's three directors will receive about £1.4 million in bonuses and severance pay. Ennstone will place \$3.3 million shares at 3p each, raising £25 million to fund the payments.

### Care First's chief quits in board rift

By Fraser Nelson CHAI PATEL has resigned as

the nursing group, after decid-ing that he could not share the boardroom with Keith Bradshaw, its executive chairman. Dr Patel, whose Court Cavendish healthcare group merged with Mr Bradshaw's Takare group last October, is in line for a £250,000 payoff equivalent to 14 months' pay. He will also leave with a share-

chief executive of Care First,

holding worth £1.06 million. In a letter of resignation, Dr Patel said: "I have come to the conclusion that the group does not require an executive chairman and a chief executive." Mr Bradshaw said that he was saddened by the affair. He said: "When we merged, we decided to take the roles which we did and run our respective business, but we always knew that the capacity for disruption was there. "He just felt that two into

one did not go. I did not see this coming at all. There was certainly a clash of management styles - we are both very strong-minded individuals -but there is no hard feeling. I learned a lot from him and have always respected him." Mr Bradshaw said the

board intends to recruit a new chief executive to work alongside himself as executive chairman and later as full-

### Shares fall as suitors fight shy of Appleyard



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BY MARK COURT

SHARES in Appleyard, the car and truck retailer, plunged by 15 per cent vesterday after the company an-

nounced that bid talks were off. PDFM, the company's major shareholder, prompted the talks with rival distributors, including Sanderson Brama!! after growing dissatisfaction with Apple, and a performance.

John Afkin, Appleard's finance director, said. Nobody has suggested a price which our advisers believed should be put to the share-

halders " Potential bidders are understo a to have received a frosty recept on from our manufacturers. residing Germany's Volkswagen and Augusthat control Appleyard's Now that takeover talks have

or liapsed, the bunt is back on for a now and executive to replace Mike Williamson in a bid to revise the ampaly follows. Applicated, whose shares bit a fiveyear low of \$200 p before bid remours. victored two mentiles ago, also re-

leared disappreprint interim results

Interim pro-tax profits were down from \$4.6 million to £3.9 million, including an exceptional profit of \$725,000 as part of the company's reviructuring. Mr Atkin said: "The aim is to

produce a smaller and more robust car business. Appleyard now has 41 dealerships, after disposing of 13 which used up 126 million of provisions in the first half. It intends to shed a further four in the second nalf.

The company has fallen victim to

the restructuring of car dealerships.

where manufacturers are giving

An interim dividend of 2p. compared with 3.1p, will be paid on October 2. Earnings fell to 3.7p a share from 4.4p.

larger areas to fewer dealers

Turnover was down marginally to 1380 million from 1390.5 million. Rationalisation of the group's franchises resulted in lower volumes of passenger cars, although outlets enjoyed higher margins on new and used cars and an improved

New car deliveries in the key trading month of August were described as "encouraging."

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### A WORKING WEEK FOR: VITTORIO RADICE

### The man from Milan reshaping Selfridges

Sarah Cunningham meets the Italian busy expanding Oxford Street's most famous store as it prepares for independence from Sears

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Euesday Unity It was the end of his work after a fort-Greece, and he had found himself immersed in meeting

what he calls Selfridges's mega-projects. These include reorganising the Oxford Street store, opening the first regional Selfridges, in Manchester, next-year, looking for a store site in Glasgow, opening a new warehouse, and, of more importance to shareholders than to shoppers, demerging Selfridges from its ill-fated parent, Sears. As chief executive of Selfridges, all these projects fall into his

The day before we met, Radice, 40, who is married with two children, had dragged himself away for a trip to his native city of Milan to visit a handful of the fashion designers who provide Selfridges with the all-important labels

that fill its clothing departments' rails.
Although to talk to him, labels seem to dominate Radice's thoughts, they do not dominate his person. He was dressed with Italian understatement in grey trousers, blue and white shirt and brown loafers. Any flashy labels

were well-hidden. His weariness was disguised by a deep tan, and his manner was brisk and businesslike. Quoted in print he can

come across as a typical expansive Latin, but in person he is serious and unsentimental. He admitted that he had not found time on his trip to

positively cold-blooded.

Indeed, in spite of all the problems with which his "mega-projects" in Lordon present him, his daytrip to Italy had not made Radice at all homesick. He has been in London for seven years, working until March last year as head of Habitat UK, and he is a big fan of his adopted home. "It has restaurants, art, music," he says. "It is easy to move around. London is the best place to be it is the capital of

Within London, he feels, unsurprisingly, that Selfridges has a special place. The refurbishment of the store — which began long before he joined and has a lot further to go — will, he believes, reinforce its position. His aim is to make it the most stylish department store in London.

Its four floors are being redesigned so that customers will for the first time be able to see clear from one side of the huge shop to the other, and space for retailing is to be reclaimed from the offices now occupied by Selfridges and Sears managers. Once all the work is done, well into the next millennium, Selfridges will trade from more space than Harrods currently does, although Harrods's own expansion plans mean that Selfridges will probably never quite catch up. It should all be good for trade in the long term. For the moment, though, the disruption caused by the work, as well as the drop in tourist numbers this summer, are making trade more difficult.

The Selfridges store was developed in three phases, between 1909 and 1934, as new areas of the Oxford Street block, which houses not just the store but also the Selfridges hotel and garage, were added. Due to the haphazard growth, there was only one bank of escalators in the huge 500,000 sq ft store. This is being changed, and escalators are being put in all around the store.

Numerous architects and planners are

involved in moving departments around the shop to make the layout more logical. Selfridges has also taken on a new catering manager to oversee its 14 eateries, which will be added to with a sushi bar next year. In Radice's view, the bars and restaurants are of key importance to Selfridges. "Everything looks very different over a glass of wine," he

on, the shop has to be kept ticking over. One crisis to be dealt with during Radice's week occurred in the wedding list department. "It is a very popular operation and we are currently refusing new applications because we

have too many," he says. The machine has been running at full steam too long and has broken down." The consequences of a breakdown can be nasty. "People getting married can get very nervous, and, if they don't receive everything. they go wild," he says. The aim now is to clear

Milan to visit his mother, for an Italian, the backlog of applications and to that is not just unsentimental, it is separate the consultants from the people

arranging the deliveries.
Radice is well known in the world of retailing, but he is an unknown quantity in the City. Next year's demerger should change all that. Radice, like everyone else in Sears, is unwilling to go into detail about the demerger, which SBC Warburg is currently preparing. In the week in question, Radice said that he had had "a small chat before lunch" one day on the matter, but says that it was no more than an update on the timetable, which should

see Selfridges quoted on the stock market in the middle of next year. He describes the prospect of being chief executive of a PLC as "very, very exciting". but does not see it as being very different from how things are now. The only thing that PII have to deal with the shareholders directly, but, as far as the handling of the company is concerned, there is no difference, he says.

Even though the Manchester store, which at 160,000 sq it will be very small compared with Oxford Street, is still under construction, plans are already advanced for the layout of the floors and the goods that will be stocked. Radice spends little time visiting the site yet, but a lot of time



Vittorio Radice, chief executive of Selfridges, tours the Oxford Street store during a break from planning a Manchester launch and seeking a Glasgow site

discussing how it is going to look and feel. Like the London store, the emphasis will be on Radice's beloved labels.

We have made a conscious decision to come out of private label," he says. "We are in the business of retailing; we are not in the business of designing and manufacturing. What we are trying to do is to be the first one to introduce brands." Selfridges's strength in offering brands is that it is what he calls "a melting pot" serving every type of customer. However, to keep all the brands in store, the likes of Prada, Ralph Lauren and Katherine Hamnet must be kept happy by allowing them a lot of say in how their goods are presented. Keeping the dialogue going is the reason for the regular visits to them in Milan, New York and Paris.

more sophisticated than the provinces, but Radice dismisses any concerns about a different type of customer in Manchester. The city is packed with new

designer stores, he says.

One of the things he likes about the Oxford Street Selfridges is that, because it was left more or less to its own devices for 20 years, it has kept many of its quirky little departments. These include a pharmacy, safe deposit boxes, the car park, a

fresh meat counter and a flower shop.
These all generate tremendous traffic and it lets people go away with a little bit more than they expected," he says.

Department stores as a whole, after a moribund period, are on the up and up. According to a report published earlier this month by the Verdict Wednesday consultancy, their sales are ahead of general retail sales and 15 new depart-

ment stores are due to open in the next four years; Selfridges's Manchester store is just one of them. Moreover, Debenhams, which is secgoing the same way as Selfridges and is being demerged from its parent. The Burton Group, next year.

So just how competitive is it out there? Very," Radice says. Debenhams, after developing strong own labels, is now selling big brands such as Calvin Klein's CK and Jasper Conran. "If they move up market, I have to push further up too," Radice says. "It is a question of how upmarket I can go. When Versace was killed, we sold out of Versace."

After his hectic week, and after finishing the interview, the rest of his Friday could be spent on staff matters and walking about the store. He says that his one big regret is that he has had too little time to spend with the staff. Relations have not been entirely smooth, as witnessed by the fact that Mary Litchfield, a former senior manager who was not appointed to the board, as she had expected, is taking the company to court for alleged sex discrimination.

The changes being introduced in the company, and the near-chaos of being within Sears in the past few years, cannot have helped staff morale. The changes are overwhelming," Radice says, "People need to be embraced and loved."

With the pace of change at Selfridges set to quicken, rather than to slow down, running the business - plus embracing and loving thousands of staff in London. Manchester and perhaps eventually Glasgow - Radice runs the risk of ending up not just weary, but completely worn

### Cover version

WHO NEEDS Mystic Meg? When it comes to prescient predictions, I will be relying on the foresight of the investment trust research team at brokers Crédit Lyonnais Laing All you need to know about the first few months of the Labour Government was contained in a cartoon on the cover of Laing's 1996 investment trust yearbook, which was published a year before

the election victory.

The cartoon shows Tony
Blair, surrounded by his Cabinet buddies, arriving at the airport. A plethora of policy papers are floating around. and one clearly says: "Tax credits", correctly predicting the change on dividend tax credits in Gordon Brown's first Budget. But, more significantly. Brown is seen arm-inarm with a woman, predicting his romance with PR woman Sarah Macaulay.

Mark Jeffries, who heads the team, confesses: "We did think about tax credits, but not about Gordon Brown. Alas we don't have a hotline to HQ. I wish we had." This must be a relief to Peter Mandelson, who is shown disappearing towards the exit gate with John Major and the dispossessed



Debra Davis of Amex is still going for gold

#### Wright-off NO DOUBT to the intense ir-

ritation of fans of Tottenham Hotspur, it has been almost impossible to move this week without coming across lan Wright, the effervescent Arsenal striker, who is expected to knock a couple of goals past hapless Southampton today and so breach a 50-year-old goal-scoring record. But attempts by Chrysaiis, the media group run by QPR boss Chris Wright, to cash in on Wright's achievements have been stumped. Chrysalis Sports, which has a contract with Arsenal, wanted to produce a commemorative video to be sold to all fans of football once the goal is scored. Only the star of the show will not play ball, as it were. Wright. refused to agree to any video deal before the record is broken because he thinks that it might be bad luck.

☐ IT WILL be interesting to see how the City takes to the prospect of a company joining the stock market that backs rock festivals and is run by a former livestock inseminator from Ireland. I have always thought that the Mean Fiddler Organisation sounded like the sort of international syndicate that does battle with Batman and Robin.

### Dead lines

to put their £11 billion merger back on track were hampered yesterday by technical problems. The global communications giants were trying to inform the markets in New York and London simultaneously through a transatlantic link. But while a Wall Street analyst was attempting to grill BT's chairman, Sir lain

Vallance, the line went dead



in London the audience could see his lips moving, but no words came out. Three attempts to restore the sound failed before a London wag asked: "Is this a BT or MCI

#### Gold reserve

I AM finding it difficult to restrain my excitement at the prospect of being able to pay £40 a year to American Express for the pleasure of a gold credit card. According to Debra Davis, who is vice-president of American Express, the growth in the ownership of gold cards clearly demonstrates that the time is right for the group to launch a credit card in a colour other than

But, in spite of Davis telling me how important it is for anyone in the know to have a gold Amex, the world has clearly changed since the com-pany launched its gold charge card 17 years ago. According to my friends at Datamonitor. gold cards are losing their exclusive status. The number of gold cards issued trebled between 1993 and 1996 and, at the last count, there were 25 million of them. A fifth of these come from the Co-op, which has taken post-modern irony to its logical conclusion by launching a gold card with street credibility. However if you want real exclusivity, how about a new affinity card that

has just been launched by the

National Association of Fish

IT NEVER rains but it pours. Just when it was starting to go quiet at NatWest Marhets up pops the National Audit Office saying that the Ministry of Defence homes were sold last year for up to E139 million less than they were worth. And which merchant bankers were in charge of the sell-off. Yes, you guessed it.

#### With a bang

Fireworks, the leading pyrotechnicians based, appropriately, at Rocket Park near Luton, Bedfordshire, are to represent Britain in next year's international fireworks competition at San Sebastian in Spain. Jon Culverhouse, the managing director, tells me that the company has "a wide and unusual array of friends and followers". Lord Brocket spoke at a training course, prior to being jailed for insurance fraud, and Fantastic put on a display for the Mont-serrat Electricity Board, which was "hoping to celebrate its tenth anniversary last year with a different type of fireworks dis-play". The eleventh anniversary celebration was even more

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CLARE STEWART

### Profit-takers cash in as Dow leads shares down

ANOTHER Friday, another wobble. After a week of steady progress, recovering from the previous week's surprise drop. the market yesterday all but reversed its gains, to close just

above the key 4,900 level. The fall of nearly 111 points at its worst confirmed what market-makers had been warning of all week, Namely, that once Wall Street turned down, London would not be far behind.

The overnight falls registered by the Dow Jones industrial average, together with the Nikkei and Hang Seng, set the early tone, while an expected sell-off materialised as Wall Street reopened for business and fell back.

Concerns over a tightening of interest rates in the US were said to be fuelling volatility on Wall Street, while renewed concern over inflationary pressures unsettled bond markets in both the US and

Europe. Unlike last Friday when there was no one single factor prompting the sharp drop. said Bob Semple at NatWest Securities, the fall yesterday did reflect more economic factors at work, "Investors are more nervous and tempted to take profits in sectors such as financials which have enjoyed a good run," he said. Looking to next week, "Markets could remain volatile," said Mr Semple, who does not dismiss the possibility of a 5-10 per cent correction as concerns over inflation remain.

By the close the FTSE 100 had recovered some its poise to end 76.9 lower at 4,901.1. with 800 million shares traded, largely boosted by turn-

Profit-taking among sectors such as banks, pharmaceuti-cals and oil. affected a number of heavyweight stocks and dragged the index lower.

HSBC dropped 7312p to £21.0412, while SmithKline Beecham was the worst performer among FTSE 100 stocks, closing down 60p to £10,7412, Glaxo Wellcome lost oils Shell, BP and Lasmo were marked down.

BT once again hogged the limelight as Sir Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, and Tim Price, president of MCI, shook hands on their new deal and as the full significance was became clear to the market. A massive 177.45 million BT shares changed hands, as arbitrageurs and institutional



Tim Price of MCI, and Sir Iain Vallance of BT, up 2312p

investors took stock of the new

agreement. The deal, widely welcomed as a good thing for BT. sent shares in the telecoms group 35p higher at one point, though by the close they were up 23<sup>1</sup>2p to 436p.

Among the relatively select

list of FTSE 100 stocks making positive progress. BSkyB put on 912p to 44ip after a buy

the stock, setting a fair value of 800p, as they say ICI is too expensive relative to its peers. iCl dropped back 3112p to LIO.OR.

Among other blue chips Unilever closed 41 ap lower at £18.09 on reports of a broker trimming forecasts. Cadbury Schweppes was also lower, down 1512p to 58212p. Earlier in the week the shares had

Shares in Appleyard Group fell 10 2p to 63 2p after the news that bid talks had been ended. Confirmation of an agreed bid by Enn-stone, unchanged at 3½p. for Bruntcliffe Aggregrates pushed Bruntcliffe 2½p higher to 4½p. First-half results helped Mallett, the art and antiques dealer, to climb 8p to 97½p.

lysts at Salomon Brothers, who have pencilled in a 486p

Dixons was again in de-mand, up 2p to 432p, while the weaker pound helped some exporters to put on modest gains. BG, with talk of a share buyback doing the rounds. made further progress, rising 312p to 26312p.

ICI was rattled after analysts at Kleinwort Benson reiterated their sell stance on

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Tobacco stocks dimmed after a new report on the effects of long-term smoking. Gallaher ended 1112p lower at 28812p, with Imperial Tobacco off 4p to 38Sp.

Second-liners had a better day, with the FTSE 250 ending 29.3 points lower at 4,658.7. while the small companies index was adift just five

RJB Mining rose 15p to

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progress, rising 8p to 231 2p, finding buyers while other retailers were left on the shelf. Sears, for example, dropped back 212p to 62p, near to its low for the year, while Blacks Leisure ended 11p lower at 40312p on further conern over the impact of Tesco's sale of

cut price Adidas sportswear.

Save Group, the independent petrol retailer, motored further ahead with a 3p rise to 730. Their rally in the past few days comes in the wake of Shell's plans to acquire the retail outlets of Gulf UK. Save's shares touched a high of 141'ap this year and slid back in June to a low of 5112p.

After the strength of the power generators earlier in the week it was left to water stocks to mop up investors' money. Thames Water was 2p higher at 79012p, Wessex Water rose 512p and Yorkshire Water climbed 312p to 44lp. FirstBus added 212p to

20512p on reports that it wants to add airports to its bus and train portfolio and is putting in a bid for a 51 per cent stake in Bristol Airport.

Confirmation of a deal to supply its PowerVR chip to Matrox, the world's largest manufacturer of branded graphic cards used in PCs and particularly computer games, helped Videologic to jump 1012D to 6412D. ☐ GILT-EDGED: After a

quiet week gilts came under pressure in the wake of heavy futures trading and as dealers squared their positions ahead of the holiday weekend. The September series of the long gilt closed down £2532 at £1140522, with volume sharply up as il4,000 contracts were traded.

ended down £0632 to £1021732, while 8 per cent 1015 dropped £3032 to £1100932. NEW YORK: Shares were back on the rollercoaster, hammered for the second day running as the dollar resumed its slide and the technology sector raced south. By midday the Dow Jones industrial aver-

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global leaders in the communications business, British Telecom and MCI have remarkable difficulty in conveying a clear message to their shareholders. BT has secured a welcome reduction in the price it is paying for MCI after six weeks when neither side would darify whether their agreement even permitted renegotiation of the deal. The suggestion, repeatedly made in New York that MCI had a rock-solid agreement, was clearly untruthful.

as it always seemed. The chronology of their peace deal was one of many issues that the parties refused to clarify yesterday. BT's Sir Peter Bonfield refused to explain how they had arrived at the new price which offers MCI shareholders more cash but fewer shares - a total reduction of perhaps 20 per cent. Instead, BT

FOR two companies that proclaim themselves and MCI contented themselves with trumpeting the strategic rationale of the deal set out last November.

It is hard to believe in the united front that BT and MCI put up against the suggestion that their relationship had been damaged by BT's belated discovery of the scale of its partner's losses in US local telephone markets. The message was that their partnership has emerged stronger through this difficult patch. No management changes are planned, leaving MCI's managers in many key

But for many BT insiders, as well as the world outside, the company was badly misled by MCI. It is hard to imagine a more inauspicious start to this deal. The danger is that the fractures recently exposed will appear to damage the business again.

#### Save Group

SHARES in Save Group have had their best week since Esso took its Price Watch campaign national at the start of last year. Britain's largest independent petrol retailer ended the week at 73p, almost 40 per cent higher than on Monday morning.

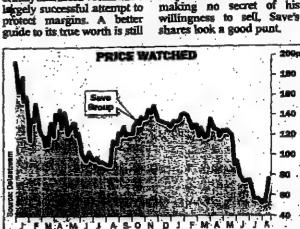
The sudden burst of enthusiasm stems from bid hopes, prompted by Shell's prospective £80 million purchase of Gulf Oil's chain of 450 petrol stations. Shell is unlikely to be allowed to follow this by swallowing Save and its 614-

Shell, Esso and BP already share about 60 per cent of the market. More likely buyers of Save are the other oil groups who have excess refining capacity and risk losing their distribution. network: Texaco, Elf. Fina, Mureo and Conoco. Texaco,

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£70 million, less than half the £160 million that this analysis justifies. With Mr Frost making no secret of his willingness to sell, Save's shares look a good punt.

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#### Capital Corp

GAMING is supposed to be one of the most highly regu-lated industries in the country. Yet the owner of two of the most prominent casinos in London has been shown to have been a badly run shambies. Those running Capital Corporation have failed to get to grips with the gaming business, the food and drink procurement, the finances of the company and, at times,

their duties as directors. As this has emerged into the open — how has Capital's board reacted? By taking legal action against a former director and two senior enbility and betting that their pockets will not be as deep as. the company's, effectively.

gagging them.
Of course it does not matter if Capital's accusations. are true, as you cannot sue for libel over allegations in write. But it might put doubts in the minds of shareholders who might think that the

issues brought to light by a former finance director of the Royal Bank of Scotland are worthy of sections investiga-

One can only wonder what the Caming board thinks of all these, comes on. It is currently manufacturing the stiuation and is not investigating Maybe the allegations and Capital's reactions will tempt the Board into action, a. move that can only be detrimental to the business and market value of Capital ....

#### Monument Oil

MONUMENT Oil and Gas is one of the largest of a hardy prone to takeover. Its stock market price tag of £600 million makes a mockery of its monning as an "oil minnow".

Like many oil companies Monument sees the third world as its best hope of making commercial discoveries. although it recently took the precaution of swapping Argentinian interests for full control of the Pyne field in the North Sea.

Monument's balance sheet, at first glance, looks frightening. Net debts of £197 million tower above shareholders funds of £143 million. producing a conventional gearing of 137 per cent. The capital base, however, has been shrunk by a merger reserve of £76.4 million and £33 million of one off payouts to shareholders last year.

Brokers expect net profits of £20 million-£22 million for the full year, which puts the shares on a multiple of 27 times earnings. The key will be how Monument uses the cash flow from Liverpool

Monument is talking to the Turkmenistan Government about a large project it hopes finance out of cash flow and debt. This looks an interesting opportunity. In the meantime, the shares are supported by the perennial bid rumours.

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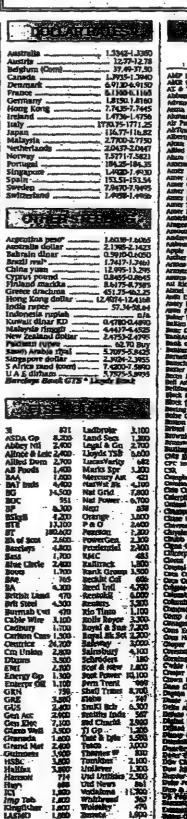
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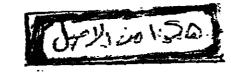
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Paying through the nose for cosmetic surgery



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### Investors left in the dark

Anne Ashworth

and John Givens on growing fears over the future of

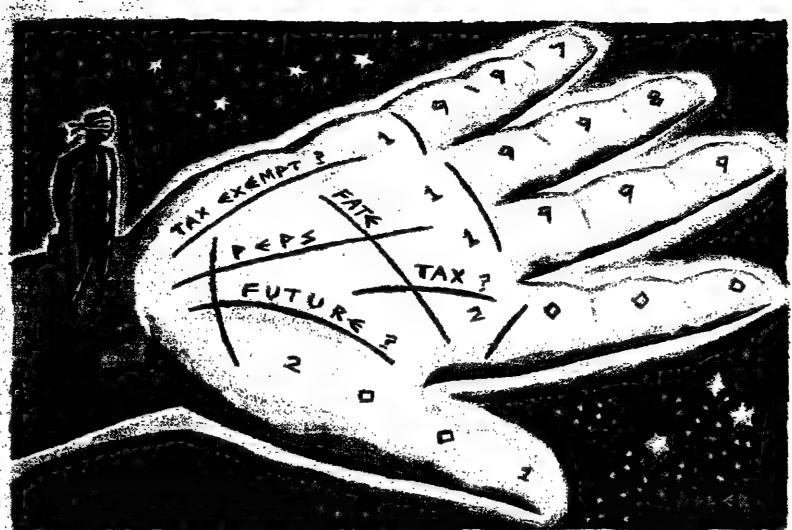
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ronzed and rested the Chancellor will return from his sommer bolidays only to: the sight of the large bundle of mail from investors and fund managers seeking to know more about the fate of the twomost popular savings schemes of the era the personal equity plan (Pep) and the tax-exempt special savings account (Tessa).

Individuals saving in Peps-and Tessas for their retirement, or to repay mortgages, believe that the Government is providing too little information on how the schemes will be replaced in 1999 by Labour's scheme to encourage long-term thrift, the individual saving account (isa). This new account will invest in both cash and shares.

The Chancellor will also learn of other concerns. Some. advisers are now giving warning that the debut of the Isa. threatens to be the first misselling scandal of the new ntillennium. Don Clark of Pep Direct, the specialist Pep adviser, has written to Gordon Brown to point out that the change in the law that introduced personal pensions gave unscrupulous: salesmen the the Pep will disappear in April opportunity to encourage indi-... 1999. Holders will no longer be viduals to change their ar- entitled to reclaim the dividend rangements. The launch of the

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The income tax benefits of

ment on the new rules is expected until next spring.

investors who have poured some E29 billion into Peps over before the value of the tax relief is taken into account, it has

services watchdog, has reacted to the Chancellor's plans annual investment limit, Jason Hollands of BESt Investment suspects that Isas will by warning brokers and inbe more restrictive than Peps, vestment houses that they with a cap on the total levels should not encourage the sale invested, a minimum holding of Peps with "buy now while period and a tighter definition stocks last" tactics and that of the types of shares that can be bought. they should warn potential investors that Peps might not The Inland Revenue can exist in two years' time.

Don Clark advised investors not to panic. He said: "The work involved for in-

all the cash out of Pens and into other schemes would be horrendous. This alone would prevent any plans to totally abolish the Pep."

The Halifax says it will be business as usual until something happens which invalidates Pep mortgages. A spokeswoman said: Even if Pens are abolished altogether we expect that investors will be able to transfer the funds

### All-share index outshines M&G underachievers

over the long-term future of Peps it is now more important than ever for investors to monitor the performance of their Pep fund managers.

Paradoxically, the rise in the stock market makes this task more difficult, because when share prices are going up even mediocre managers can make some money. But they may still be failing to match the rise in the market, or provide reasonable value for their customers.

A good way to measure is to compare your Pep against a benchmark such as the FTSE all-share index. BESt Investment, the Pep specialist, has compiled a list of 148 Peps that have failed to beat this index over the past three years. It has put leading Pep provider M&G in the dog-house after nine of the company's UK equity Peps featured in the list. Eight of these funds have underperformed the index in each of the three years since July 1994. Murray Johnstone also performed badly with five funds in the list.

Investors who put £100 into M&G's Capital, Compound Growth, Dividend, Equity Income, Midland & General, Recovery, Second General, Smaller Com-panies and UK Smaller Companies Peps three years ago have got between £22 and £68 less than the £170 they would have got from simply tracking the FTSE

Investment, is urging his clients to consider switching from M&G to other Pep providers such as Perpetual, Gartmore, Credit Suisse

and Fidelity.

He says M&G's problems are threefold. The loss of successful managers at the end of the 1980s has been compounded by the companys fixation with value in-vesting. This approach favours medium-sized manufacturers who aim to pay ever-increasing amounts in these are exactly the kind of enterprises which have suffered in the 1990s. Although the company is trying to put things right, he believes new management and an investment review can lead only to short-term instability.

He said: "The best you can say about M&G is that the future is uncertain. The worst is that the underperformance of the last three years will continue."

Vivien Bazalgette, M&G's head of investment, urges investors to stick with their funds. The strong pound has recently showed signs of weakening. He predicts that when it falls, it will boost the prospects for small and midcapitalisation stocks. "Although we would much prefer to be outperforming. the key thing is that the outlook is very favourable."
In the future, M&G will diversify into growth funds.

GAVIN LUMSDEN

WEEKEND MONEY is edited by Anne Ashworth

### \* A&L compensation admission

has admitted that it may have to pay compensation to shareholders who. missed out on the opportunity of putting their windfall

A small proportion of A&Lmembers were notified of their eligiblity for shares only after the former building society floated on the stock market on . April 21. Many complained that this prevented them from transferring their shares into the tax-free shelter of a Pep., .

from the date they are allocated their shares to put them into a Pep. These shares do not count towards an individual's Pep allowance and can go on top of Pep or £3,000 in a single-

company Pep.
The original deadline for the A&L shareholders, which was the first building society to convert, was June I, In May the society-turned-bank started talks with the Revenue to see if its group of late shareholders Under Inland Revenue rules, could have 42 days from the vition mirrored the A&L's. windfall investors have 42 days day they received the shares

rather than the date of flotation. These discussions heated up two weeks ago when it was revealed that the Revenue had confirmed that up to 10,000 Woolwich members, who had not received share certificates, could do this. This was because Woolwich had chosen its date of allocation to match

the date on the certificate.

On the same day the Halifax was also told that its members. who had been told of their eligibility after its flotation. also had 42 days from the date of their notification. This situa-This week the Alliance &

Leicester finally got its confirmation from the Revenue. Unfortunately, the time that has passed since the flotation means many shareholders may still be ruled out.

company had done everything to seek clarification and would write to the shareholders next week. This will be particularly gailing for some investors because the Revenue has previously ruled that Pep applications can initially be made without a share certificate in order to meet the deadline.

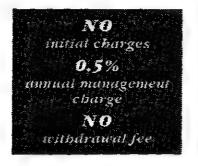
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Isa could provide another such from share, divideods, before sales bonanza, they are paid out). Since their Others would like Mr burnt in 1987. Peps have been free of both income tax and capital gains tax. It seems likely that Tessas will simultadard Life, the insurance tages, although this was not group, said: "Following the made entirely clear by the abolition of the dividend tax. Chancelor in his Budget

the past decade do not know whether they will be permitted to continue to store their investments in Peps once the tax relief has disappeared. Even

often been cheaper to buy a Pep rather than a similar unit trust. not be able to transfer their total accumulated Pep holdings into Isas. The Chancellor

shed no light on any of this. A spokesman said: "We know nothing more than what was investment accounts will take and what the effect will be on

Peps and Tessas."
The Personal Investment

Authority (PIA), the financial

cellor give more generous tax the autumn but no announce- there will be a relatively low

pensions have now been re- A consultation document on should appeal to those on low duced in value, Will the Chan- the savings review is due in incomes. This suggests that

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### Fear fuels a seasonal storm

Hearful Fridays and Mogadon
Mondays cannot go on for long People learn and anticipate. On Wall Street, traders took precautions on Thursday against the threat of another bad Friday, bringing losses forward. And the big money investors will be back at their desks within a fortnight. sorting out strategies for autumn.

At least some of the volatility of recent weeks has been because of lack of real trade. Market insiders have been playing among themselves, accounting for much of the business done. Prices tend to flick up and down day to day in illiquid markets. In this climate, London market-makers sensibly battened down the hatches at the expense of investors yesterday, knowing that London would be shut on Monday, when other markets are open.

These sharp movements intensify fears of a really big 1987-style break in prices. To a much lesser extent, they increase the risk. So far, there has been more worry than substance. By way of comparison, the Dow Jones index fell about 10 per cent around March without such drama. It fell because the US Federal Reserve Board raised shortterm interest rates, exciting immediate speculation that there could be more to come. In the event, the Fed has not moved since. It confirmed this week that it still has no reason to reove.

In the UK, interest rates have gone up four times. But they have risen only I per cent. Now the Bank of England has called a halt, preferably for at least three months, at a level lower than most City economists were bargaining for. Ger-



many's Bundesbank does not want to raise rates either. It hates the mark's weakness but has so far managed to talk up the currency by raising the possibility of action, now remiorced by saying it will fix its market rate weekly. The foreign exchanges have calmed down. Speculators are likely to call the Bundesbank's bluff again at some time. Today. turmoil is confined to South-East Asia.

This very lack of substance in part explains the fears that have clearly built up over shares prices. At the start of 1997, most long-term analysts thought prices were a touch ahead of profit growth in Britain and pretty high relative to profits in America. This was not going to be much of a year for shares. Continuing low interest rates in America and international buying of London blue chips have belied that, sending prices up about a lifth.

Cautious investors who missed out have used price setbacks to buy, the classic bull market psychology. But

many are looking over their shoulders, feeling that it is too good to last. In America, the Fed stood back because the economy is steady. As a series of disappointing announcements from big companies has shown, that means profits are not growing fast enough to justify their shares trading at an allmarket average of 25 times earnings. In the UK, ratings are generally lower and dividends comfortingly higher, but sterling's strength has been cutting analysts' profit forecasts month by month.

If this fear outlasts an agitated August, then a bear market psychology could take over. Instead of seeing setbacks as buying opportunities, investors then use price recoveries as an opportunity to sell and recoup any paper losses made since the last peak.

ong-term investors can usually

afford to ride through stock

I market corrections and short bear markets without trying to be too clever. There are no economic threats to justify any market setback worse than that. Fund managers too are more relaxed than when their computer programs all sold Wall Street at the same time in 1987. Portfolios can be hedged more effectively in derivatives markets that have grown so rapidly in the past ten years. Others do not have this luxury. because they have to sell investments sometime soon to take a pension, spend on a house or pay college fees. In future. many more will have to make these tricky decisions. When markets are nervous, they should not wait for prices to hounce back to new peaks.

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### Tax change acts as catalyst for rise of the Fid

new acronym about. Meet the Fid, the income dividend. brought to prominence by the Budget change to the dividend tax credit. Gordon Brown's most sweeping tax measure.

Formerly pension funds and other tax-exempt investors. such as personal equity plan (Pep) holders and charities, were entitled to reclaim the 20 per cent dividend tax credit. When a company distributes a dividend, it deducts advance corporation tax at a rate of 20 per cent. This ACT becomes the dividend tax credit.

The Chancellor put an end to this cancession, with immediate effect for pension funds and from 1949 for Pep holders. Charities will also be de-

prived of the right to claim the dividend tax credit in 1999 but they will be compensated for this until the 2003-04 rax year. But Pep holders and charities are already starting to feel the pinch because many larger companies are now deciding to pay their dividends in a different way.

Since pension funds are the biggest investors in the UK stock market, companies were happy to oblige them by paying dividends out of their UK earnings. Now that pension funds cannot reclaim the tax, many big companies with large overseas earnings are oping to pay their dividends from such income because these payments escape UK tax the Treasury takes the view that overseas earnings have already been taxed in the

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Which companies are Which company a fid?

A Only large companies, those with high overseas earnings, are in a position to do this. Unfortunately, it is these companies that are favoured by Pep investors. BAT, Glaxo Wellcome. Tate & Lyle, BTR and Shell have paid Fids. After the tax change, others have joined their ranks, including the Prudential and

What difference will this make to funds which benefit from tax relief such as charities and Peps? What difference will

When companies distrib-A when cumpanion they pay ute a dividend, they pay ACT. However, as no ACT is payable on a Fid. charities. Peps, or non-taxpayers cannot reclaim the tax.

How much do investors

A if a company declared a normal dividend of 12.2p per share, then the non-taxpayers. Peps and charities could claim back 30 per cent a dividend of 15.25p. This additional amount would not be payable if the 12.2p dividend was paid via a Fid.

Investors must hope that the companies opting to pay a Fid will pay increased dividends to make up the difference.

### The self-defeating rate rise



CAROLINE MERRELL. Ann and Peter Flinders rely on extra interest to supplement their pensions when it comes to holidays

Karen Zagor says banks do no one any favours by offering a raw deal to savers on interest

rise. The scenario is becoming far too familiar for savers who, in recent months, have seen their mortgage payments rise faster than the returns on their savings accounts.

The latest round of mortgage rate rises raises questions about whether Britain's banks are doing enough to reward savers and whether the gap between borrowing and savings rates is widening. By and large bank savings rates, in comparison with the real rate of interest, are pality. Real interest rates - which are base rates minus inflation - now stand at about 4.3 per cent. This compares with 3.1 per cent in the US and about 1.5 per cent in Germany.

Ian Harwood, head of strategy and economics at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, says: "UK rates are relatively high when company with Europe and the US. The argument is that they need to be high because inflationary pressures are perceived to be high and our inflanon record is worse than other countries. Clearly the UK economy is

showed the strongest levels in many years. But we don't believe that consumers are as gung ho as they were in the 1980s."

Higher real interest rates are intended to

dampen spending by discouraging bor-towing. Ultimately, they should keep a lid on inflation. But they should also encour-age savings and, so far, savings rates are not rising fast enough for that to happen. it is the banks and some of the former

building societies that have been particularly remiss in rewarding savers. The Halifax, which as a building society could be relied upon to offer some of the most competitive rates on the market, is no longer setting the pace. In Moneyfacts'

nother week, another mortgage rate: weekly charts of the best savings rates available - measuring instant access and postal accounts, notice accounts and bonds, monthly income accounts, interestpaying cheque accounts, fixed-rate ac-counts and Tessas — the Halifax appears in only two charts. Its interest-paying cheque account is competitive, with rates starting at 4.35 per cent, but the minimum deposit is £5,000.

The Halifax's fixed-rate account is also competitive, but its rates are far from the best available. For one year, with a minimum deposit of £2,000, the Halifax

On a similar product, the Portman pays 7.25 per cent with a minimum of £1,000, Norwich & Peterborough Building Society pays 7.2 per cent on a minimum of £5,000 and the Woolwich pays 7 per

Higher rates cent on a minimum of should encourage The Halifax has said it will increase its savings rates in September. Meanwhile, its standard saving but they are not rising variable mortgage rate fast enough for 8.2 per cent on August 15.

that to happen

Halifax's absence on the "Consumer spending Moneyfacts savings is very strong and this week's retail sales charts is that it does not have postal operations. When compared with other branch-based accounts, the Halifax's instant access account is competitive, paying

3.9 per cent on a balance of £5,000. This is the same as the rate offered by Nationwide. But it is significantly lower than the 6.75 per cent offered by the Cheltenham & Gloucester on deposits starting at £1,000 through its telephonebased instant transfer account.

Clydesdale Bank is paying 6.5 per cent on balances as low as £25, but only four free withdrawals from the account are allowed each year, after which there is a 50p charge for each withdrawal.

With this week's news of another rise in consumer spending, there is real concern that base rates may rise again before king, making fixed-income products more of a risk for consumers. This has not, however, deterred Ann and Peter Flinders from taking out a one-year fixed-interest bond with Portman Building Society. "We realise that interest rates could rise

again, so my wife and I tend to hedge our bets rather than putting all the capital available into one bond. That way we will have money at hand in case there is another rise in rates, said Mr Flinders. The Portman tends to bring out new bonds when there is a change in market forces; and when the rute rose to 7.25 per cent we decided it was a good time to buy."

The Flinderses, who are both retired, invest mainly for income. Mr. Flinders said: "We both have pensions, which are ng engangus busale enough to live on; so the additional interest from investment enables us to take better holidays than we would otherwise be able to afford."



### Woolwich blunders could be costly

any Woolwich shareholders are still waiting for their shares, despite the society's flotation having taken place more than six weeks ago. In the intervening period the share price has fallen by nearly 18 per cent.

The administrative mistakes seem to be affecting various categories of shareholders. Details of customers with Tessa accounts have gone astray. while the details of some eligible shareholders seem to have disappeared altogether.

The Woolwich is admitti holders are affected. The actual num-

ber affected by the blunders may be considerably greater.

The delays in sending out share documentation and certificates have so enraged the son of one 90-year-old shareholder that he is trying to set up a group with the intention of bringing egal action against the Woolwich. Geoffrey Waldren, from Poole, Dor-

set, has consulted the London solicitors Max Bitel, Greene about the possibility of taking action against the bank. Mr Waldren is particularly interested in hearing from Woolwich shareholders entitled to shares but

He also wants to hear from those Woolwich shareholders who intended to sell their shares at the earliest opportunity. The delays in sending out his father's certificates could have cost around £600 - the difference between the price on the first day and the price he was actually able to sell at.

Mr Waldren believes that an action group would only be viable if around 1,000 people were willing to participate. He said: "What appears to have happened is that the programs which selected qualifying members failed to pick up swaths of members, and in allocation. These errors meant that thousands of people received no allocation letters. Branches and several helplines or

information lines were only allowed to take details from members, who were told that it would be three weeks before they got an answer. Our view that the Woolwich could be liable to consequential damages has its focus on the responsibilities of directors prior to vesting day."

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### Hopelessly devoted to the Halifax

over its customers, whose destrengthened by their transformation from members to shareholders. Halifaxers just can't break away. despite rising mortgage rates and saver returns that seldom star in best

Their loyalty is more than mere inertia, or a liking for the convenience of an extensive branch network. The little Xtra we hear so much about is obviously addictive.

Some borrowers have left to take advantages of the numerous discounted offers at the mutuals. But surprising numbers seem happy to

pay the new higher mortgage rate.
Savers are equally steadfast. Most of those who sold their shares returned the cash to Halifax accounts. Since flotation, savings bal-ances have actually increased by £3.6 billion, despite greater competition in



ANNE ASHWORTH Personal Finance Editor

this market. Only 30 per cent of the 7.6 million windfall beneficiaries have disposed of their holdings. leaving a share register bristling with

The Halifax has now mentioned the possibility of yet more payouts. If the bank cannot find a suitable acquisition, it may use some of its £3.5 billion spare cash to pay a special dividend.

Filled with a warm glow, Halifaxers may be now even less likely to dispose of their stakes, or to take their savings and mortgage custom elsewhere. For their own good, they should become a little more hard-headed. Halifax shares are worth holding for the excitement ahead. But for a better mortgage or savings deal, try a mutual.

#### **Inaction stations**

THE Government is eager to encourage us to become long-term savers. However, it is doing little to make the task easier. The dividend tax changes

in the Budget have made pensions rather less attractive. Meanwhile, Pep and Tessa holders have no idea exactly how, in 1999, the Chancellor proposes to replace these schemes with his own brainchild, the Isa.

Most agree that individuals should make the best of Peo and Tessa tax breaks while they last. But when you are investing for the next century, it is reassuring to know something of what the rules will be two years

In this uncertainty it would be all too easy to use the lack of information as an excuse to do nothing. Another justification for inertia is the miserable performance of many Peps where the charges outweigh the tax

But inaction is the riskiest option of all. The changes to the dividend tax credit could mean that pensions could be reduced by as much as 15 per cent. You have been warned.



The looks that helped to make Pamela Anderson famous can be yours - at a price

### Truly personal banking

The quest for the perfect face and body has led Borrowers pay through the nose with loans to a big increase in applications for loans to pay for cosmetic surgery, says Caroline Merrell for plastic surgery. A recent survey by the Yorkshire Bank showed that requests for cash loans made to banks have included applications for money to have cosmetic surgery such as breast enhancement, liposuction and face.

Chris Herbert, head of customer service for Yorkshire Bank, said: "While house renovations and new cars are still high on the wanted list; more personal desires such as renovations to flagging good looks and a need to create a new you now regularly feature among the loan applications throughout our branch network.

"We expect to see more and more of our clients choosing to spread the payment for anything from the body beautiful to a lifetime's ambition

The costs of cosmetic surry start at around £2,000 for liposuction and will rise to around £12,000 for a facelift carried out by a top American surgeon. A typical breast enhancement operation will set you back somewhere between £4,000 and £5,000.

Anyone who does opt for a personal loan to pay for

Northern Rock Building Society are now

completely free to move their savings if they wish. The final qualifying date for conver-sion was yesterday, which means that savers

could now close their accounts but still

At the beginning of September, the society plans to send qualifying members full details of the share allocation, which comprises a

flat distribution of 500 shares. Those who are both savers and borrowers will benefit from

Northern Rock aims to float on October 3.

Unlike the other converting building societies, the Northern Rock will not be offering its

benefit from the 500 free shares.

two lots of 500 shares.

plastic surgery will end up paying thousands of pounds of interest. Apart from credit card debt, unsecured loans are the most expensive way of borrowing. The less the amount to be borrowed, the

a fixed rate throughout the period of the loan. For instance, Bardays will charge an interest rate of 20.9 per cent on loans of between £500 and £2,999, while a £5.000 loan will attract an interest rate of 15.9 per cent. The monthly repayments on the loan spread over five years would be £119, bringing the total repayments to

The interest will be charged at

Anyone who does take out a personal loan will be given the option of insurance cover which will pay off the loan in the event of redundancy or sickness. This costs an additional £24 per month.

NatWest currently has a special offer on its personal loans. Sums of between £500 and £2,000 can be borrowed at an interest rate of 16.9 per cent. Amounts between £2,000 and £4,000 will cost

Rock unlocks savers' cage

14.9 per cent, £4.100 to £7,000 will carry a rate of 13.9 per cent and loans of more than that amount carry an interest rate of 11.9 per cent. A £5.000 loan with NatWest would cost £113.99 month without insurance, and £139 per month with insurance. The total cost of the loan would be £6.780 without insurance, or

irect Line has among the lowest unsecured loan rates available. It offers rates of between 11.8 per cent and 17.9 per cent on loans of between £1,999 and

£8,377 with insurance.

Anyone who does take out personal loan should read the small print carefully TSB and Sainsbury's Bank, will charge a redemption penalty if the loan is paid off early. Some will charge higher rates if the insurance is not arranged, while others will not offer insurance at all.

The actual insurance policy taken out should also be checked thoroughly. For example, policies will not cover

has it committed itself to offering members a

A spokesman said: "We will be offering a dealing service, but we have not yet

Six months ago, the Northern Rock's advisers estimated that shares in the society

would be worth between 260p and 295p. This would produce a windfall of between £1,300

However, since then, the shares of many of the financial companies have rocketed ahead. This could mean that Northern Rock

savers and borrowers will be able to look

forward to even larger payouts.

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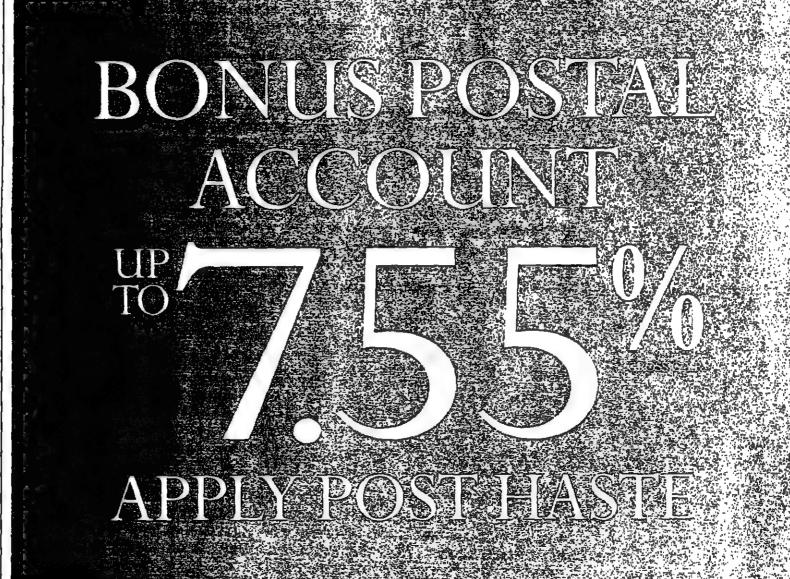
you may not be covered. If you are made redundant. often the cover will not begin immediately. It will also not pay for more than one year's repayments.

You are not automatically covered if you are self-employed and then become bankrupt, and you may not be covered if you are on contract and your contract is simply not renewed.

AA Insurance, Alliance & Leciester, First Direct, Halifax and TSB offer specific loans aimed at those who

wish to buy cars. For example, loans of between \$1,000 and £15,000 will out between 12.7 per cent and 16.7 per cent from AA insurance. Nonmembers will be charged a higher amount. Halifax will charge 15.9 per cent for loans for cars, regardless of the amount bormwed.

Credit scoring is fairly stringent on personal loans. Loans of more than \$15,000 are unusual, which would be a disappointment for one of Yorkshire Bank's customers who wanted \$20,000 to improve the front drive of his home. Asked why it would cost so much, the customer admitted that only £2,000 of the loan was for the new drive and the rest was for a Porsche to put on it.



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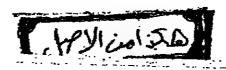
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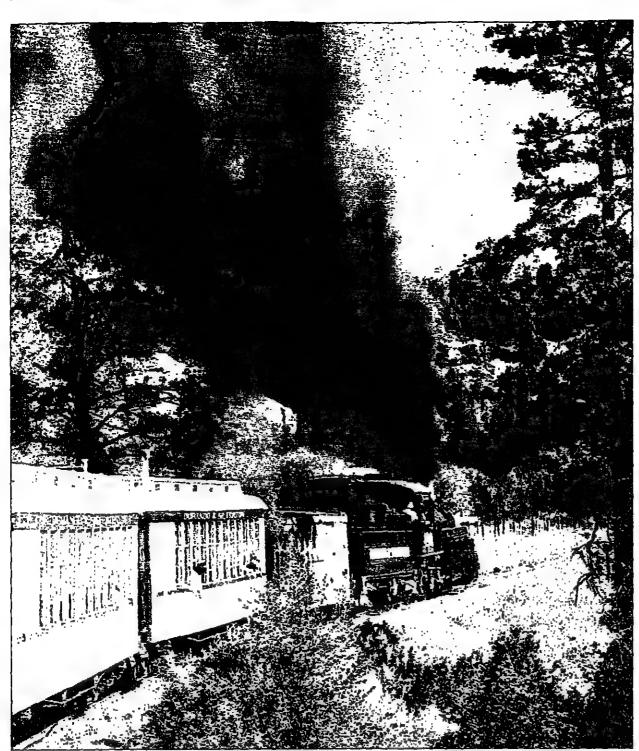
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### A safer way to travel into 'share' territory

nvesting in shares has proved to be one of the most successful ways of making money. Over longer periods of time, shares have consistently outperformed government bonds and building society accounts.

But for many investors, the idea of putting money in shares is too risky. Most do not have the time or inclination to watch for the warning signals that share prices are about to fall.

Investment trusts provide an answer for those who do not want the worry of investing directly in the stock market but want to enjoy the potential returns. Trusts give easy and relatively cheap access to pro-lessional fund management, and risk is reduced by pooling buy a wider range of shares.

An investment trust is a company that invests in the shares of other companies. Many were established in the mid-Victorian era to invest in

Like any other type of com-pany, it is split into a fixed number of shares that can be bought and sold on the Stock Exchange. But rather than viding services, an investment trust is designed to produce capital growth, income, or sometimes both from its investment portfolio.

The fact that an investment trust is itself a company often leads to a disparity between the price at which its shares sell and the value of its investment

Jill Insley looks at how investors who are wary of buying equities can enjoy at least some rewards

can rise above the value of the week for a E35 million share investment portfolio. The shares are then described as being at a premium to the ner asset value of the trust.

Martin Mullany, of Brooks Macdonald Gayer, the London independent financial adviser, says that buying trust shares at : a premium is an expensive way to invest. "Unless you really like the trust and the way it is: managed, it is probably better to invest in a unit trust which has similar

strategy and goals," he The rules allow a agers into says. More often, howsecond way for ever, the price of trust investors to buy than the valinto more shares than their money trust's investment may warrant portfolio. Such shares

the trust. It is sometimes suggested that discounted shares are attractive to bargain hunt-ers, because they are effectively getting more investment for

However, investors will only benefit from their "bargain" shares if the discount has narrowed by the time they decide to sell their shares. mand for shares increases either through people buying shares as investments or hecause the trust manager

decides to boy back shares.

buyback on its Equity Investment Trust. It hopes the move. will narrow the trust's share discount of 21 per cent.

Unfortunately, it is perfectly possible for discounts to widen still further to the disadvantage of investors. This in fact is what three years. Trusts that stand at

> register of the Fleming Far Eastern Investment

ly spurred Flemings into proping reconstruction plans to unlock some of the value of the trust's investment portfolio. The move caused an immediate rise in the share price and reduced the discount from 12 per cent to just over 8 per cent. Sometimes arbitrageurs buy-

up and close down a trust to disc the value of its underlying investments. Either way, the private investor can benefit The rules governing invest-ment trusts provide a second way for investors to buy into more shares than their money

may warrant. Trusts can bor-

ables the trust manager to buy more shares for his investment portfolio, thus boosting the

value of the investor's holding. But gearing can backfire if market falls. The trust manager can end up paying more for the loan than he is earning on the investments bought with the borrowed money.

The purchase and manage

ment charges for investment trusts tend to be the lowest in the market for professionally managed investments. The upfront charges comprise the stockbroker's commission (typically 1.5 per cent to 1.8 per cent) and stamp duty of 0.5 per cent. Annual management charges are often less than I per cent and are taken automatically from the fund.

Many investment trust mangers offer savings schemes that use their bulk-buying pow er to negotiate low commission charges for investors buying shares, Schroders' savings scheme, for example, makes a 1 per cent charge for buying shares in its UK Growth trust. These schemes also enable investors to buy shares on a monthly basis without having to give fresh instructions to a stockbroker each time.

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ast week's stock market turbulence may deter many investors from buying shares for the time being. The UK stock market has been scaling new heights all year, and many professional investors believe that share prices will soon crash. However, Ian Millward, of Chase de Vere Investments, thinks investors should still take the plunge. He says nervous investors should consider buying shares on a monthly basis through a savings scheme. It's likely to take place," he says. "People who stay

returns in the meantime." On that basis, The Times asked three independent financial advisers to recommend

out of the market could miss out on good

Richard Boyton, Fraser Smith.

Trust: Framlington Dual capital share.
Price: 79p. Discount: 60 per cent. Comments: "A predominantly UK-based trust, due to be wound up in two years' time when investors should receive 160p per capital share if the trust continues growing according to plan: The trust has to grow by 5 per cent a year to me substantially, but there's really very little growth required to provide tremendous returns."

Ian Millward. Chase de Vere Investments. Trust: Henderson Income and Growth. Price: 124p. Discount: 14 per cent. Comments: The ordinary shares yield 6.4 per cent income and stand at a discount of 14 per

cent. The trust is due to be wound up in six "Investors could expect to make a small profit on the basis of the discount alone at that point.

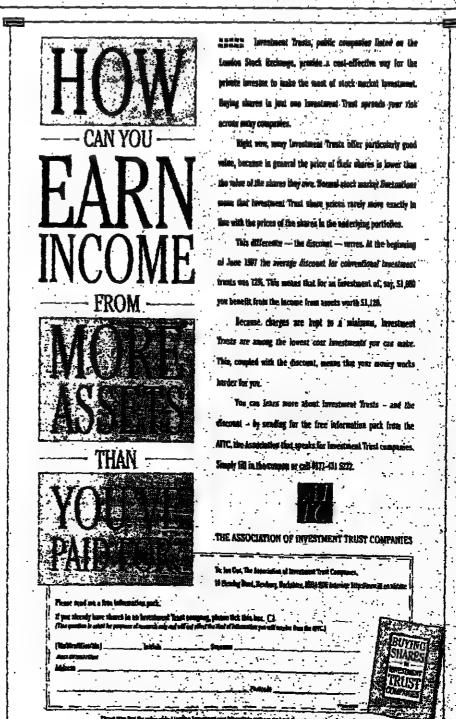
It has a good steady fund mariager, investing in has a relatively low-risk profile compared to some other investment trusts."

Martin Mullany, Brooks Macdonald Gayer. Trust: Schroders UK Growth.

Price 139p. Discount 4.1 per cent. Comments: The shares are selling at an unusually wide discount for this fund. The trust is run along the same lines as the Schroders Enterprise unit trust, which concentrates on a small portfolio of about 30 to 40 shares.

Both funds are managed by Jim Cox, who has a good long-term track record. He has produced a very steady performance and within the trust's trading range."

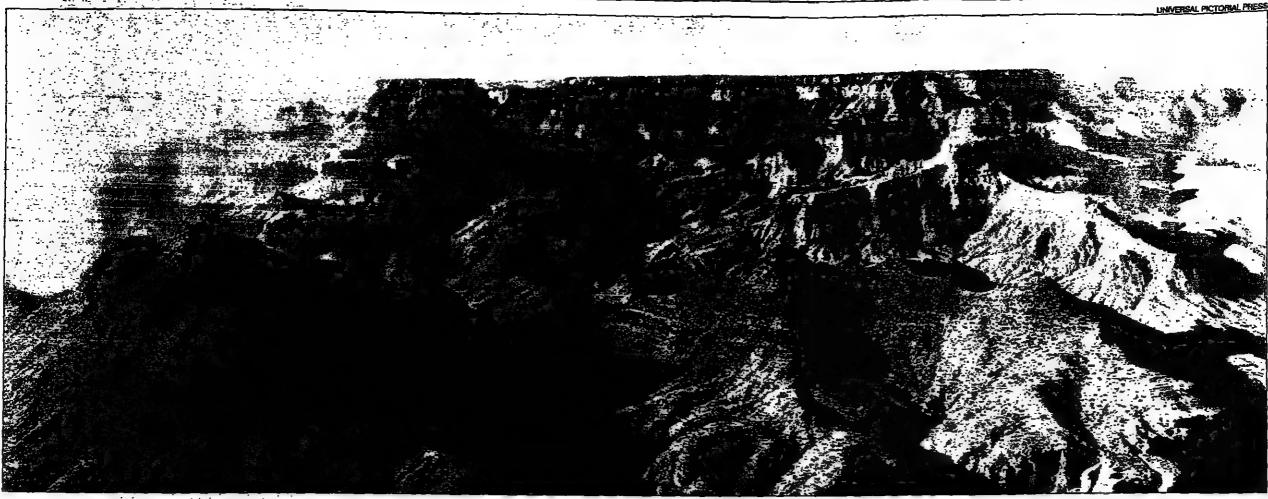
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# Caroline Merrell discovers analysts at odds over the prospects for investment trust 'discounts'



Investment trust discounts have not yet reached Grand Canyon proportions, but Credit Lyonnais says many trusts "seem to be staring over the precipice"

# Dismay as chasm widens

in an investment trust, it can spell-dismay. The discount is the difference between the share price of a trust and the value of its holdings, its net asset value (NAV). The average investment trust discount is now around 12 per cent.

As a result of widening discounts, holders of shares in many trusts have seen the share prices of their trusts fall, in spite of stock markets soaring to

Discounts are caused by a lack of demand for investment trust shares which have fallen out of fashion, particularly among institutional inves-tors. Jeremy Tigue of Foreign & Colonial believes that the trend is cyclical. He points out that many trusts stood at a premium to their asset values as recently as two years ago. He believes that trusts will regain their popularity.
Others, including a number of invest-

ment trust analysts, are not so optimistic. They believe that discounts will continue to widen, especially if markets

John Korwin-Szymanowski, invest ment trust analyst at Warburgs is bwn hind. David Rough, a Legal & among those predicting a further wider. General director, said: "We did reduce ing of discounts. He argues that our holdings about four years ago.

the word discount may make discounts will narrow only if managers shoppers hearts beat a little make a concerted effort to attract more faster. But for those with a stake investment into funds. There is a growing conviction that fund managers should take more responsibility for narrowing discounts by marketing trusts more aggressively.

Korwin-Szymanowski said: Many institutions are withdrawing from investment trusts entirely. Most of the large institutions are not new buyers of the funds." He

pointed out that a couple of years ago several fund management groups, such as Mercury, Fidelity and M&G. launched a great number of new trusts, which contrib-

uted to the oversupply of shares in the market. He said that even if the discounts did begin to narrow, many of the institutions would take it as an opportunity to sell their holdings, which would lead to widening of the discounts

Legal & General, the insurance company, holds some big stakes in investment trusts as well as offering its bwn hind. David Rough, a Legal & General director, said: "We did reduce when the discounts narrowed. We have gone back in to markets where we think there is good value. I hope that discounts are going to narrow again."
Legal & General also offers the

Recovery investment trust, which has around £56 million under management and is aimed at both institutional and private shareholders. The trust now stands at a 19 per cent discount to its net asset value. Mr Rough denied that the

company is planning to convert the fund to a unit trust. Unitising this way immediately cuts the discount and allows shareholders to sell their holdings to redeem their true val-

ue. He admitted that Legal & General was, disappointed with the level of the discount, but he added: "We actually believe that it offers good value for investors. Over the last 12 months its share price has risen by 14 per cent, which is in line with the market."

Tom Tuite-Dalton, Credit Lyonnais vestment trust analyst, said: "We said in March that the discounts would continue to widen. We still believe this." Previously, at the bottom of the economic cycle after the 1987 crash, for example,

discounts widened to more than 20 per cent. He claimed that the only hope for investors was for arbitrage companies to build up stakes in funds. They could then put pressure on boards to restruc-ture the funds.

For instance, investors in the £500 million Fleming Far Eastern trust are being given the opportunity of moving their holdings into a unit trust or are being offered cash. The institutional shareholders, which include the Prudential. Standard Life and the Liverpool Partnership, are believed to have put pressure on the board of the trust to restructure to combat the discount.

Mr Tuite-Dalton said that those looking to buy into investment trusts should choose funds where an arbitrage company has a stake. Credit Lyonnais said: "It is absurd, in our view many investment trusts seem to be staring over the precipice, just waiting for corporate pressure to be applied. Serious questions need to be asked about the longer-term viability of some trusts.

Boards have a wide range of option available to them, including capital reconstructions designed to reduce supply, partial open-ending; indeed, any scheme which proactively addresses the key priority of improving shareholder



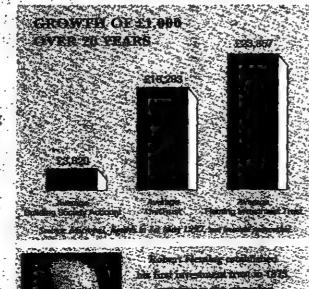
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# Tread very carefully when doing the splits

n the 1960s, the decade man reached the Moon. the rocket scientists of the financial world devised a new method of sending savings into orbit — the split-capital investment trust.

The idea was simple, split

the capital structure of an investment trust into income and capital shares. All the dividends from the trust's investments would go to the income shareholders, giving them a much higher income than usual. The capital shareceive no dividends but would get all the trust's capital growth when it was wound up. At the time, it seemed a brilliant solution to fulfil the two main requirements of investors simultaneously. Since then, however, split-caps have prown more complex as new share classes have been added. Zero dividend preference the risk of capital shares.

Holders of zeros are promised a predetermined redemption price, which has made them useful in financial planning. A similar innovation was the stepped preference share, which offers a pre-set capital growth and rising income. At the other end of the risk spectrum, are income and residual capital shares, otherwise known as highly-geared ordinary shares, which aim to

capital growth. This profusion of share classes can have the unfortu-

combine high income and

nate effect of pitting different shareholders against each other, as in the case of Exmoor. Dual, in which income shareholders discovered that they should have been receiving more dividends, but could not convince zero shareholders of the need to change the trust's articles of associations. These conflicting interests have frequently exacerbated a down-turn in investment conditions.

Many of the current crop of split-caps were launched in the late 1980s and early 1990s after

ket growth. Then, it seemed quite realistic to offer high income and good capital growth. However, when recession struck in the early 1990s, the stock market suffered and companies cut back on dividend payments. Suddenly, it was all that a split trust could do simply to pay its income shareholders. Capital growth vanished and the value of capital shares plummeted.

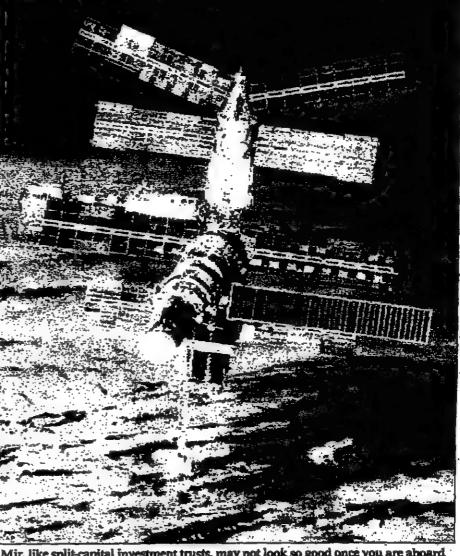
Market downturns hit splits harder than conventional trusts. This is because they are structured to intensify movements in the stock markets, a feature known as gearing. For instance, a £100 million trust split 50-50 between income and capital shares, might gen-erate 45 million of income a year (ie. a yield of 5 per cent). All of this would go to the income shareholders effectively doubling the yield on their money to 10 per cent. Similarly, if the trust grows to £180 million, it will have achieved capital growth of 80 per cent, all of which will go to the capital shareholders, whose effective return on their money is 160 per cent. Unforunately, this process can work

s a result, far from being a rocker-boosted ride up the equity markets, putting your money in split-caps can be like hitching a ride on the Russian Mir space station. What looks like an advanced vehicle turns out to be an accident-prone piece of runk that leaves you fearing for your money.
Many shareholders will

have to weigh up this possibility in the next two years as nine split-caps reach the end of their fixed term and investors are asked whether they wish to roll over into a new trust or cash in their investment. Fortunately, in spite of their

volatility, most splits have managed to recover their performance in the past year. Kleinwort High Income, for instance, could suffer a 39 per cent fall in markets and still pay its zero holders the remption price of 212.7p in June 1998. Its ordinary holders currently enjoy 13 per cent income and require just 3.6 per cent growth to get their Splits' share prices will nat-

urally improve as they approach wind-up and pay day. This represents a potential investment opportunity, although investors should realise that gearing can easily wreck this plan. Investing in splits always requires expert financial advice.



Mir, like split-capital investment trusts, may not look so good once you are aboard

# Take long-term view with F&C

The enormous Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust is the world's biggest. This may be why Kenneth Clarke, a largerthan-life politician in every way, last week chose F&C as his first directorship since his return to the back benches.

The trust should also appeal to the former Chancellor's populist instincts. There are 130,000 shareholders, 50,000 of which invest through the company's £25-a-month minimum savings scheme.

At 57, Mr Clarke is almost exactly the same age as the average F&C investor, although many of William Hague's generation are now joining the share register.

But should investors, youthful or greying, follow the Member for Rushcliffe into the F&C fold? Only if they are prepared to stay loyal for the long term. in the hope that the recent improvement in F&C's fortunes can be sustained. In

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the six months to June, net

assets rose to per cent to £2.053

billion. By contrast, in 1996.

one of the least-inspiring periods in the trust's 129-year history, the share price slipped 7 per while net assets rose just per cent. The 1996 annual report notes that Foreign & Colonial departed from the FTSE 100 index of leading shares in June

trol", as if the trust's failure to perform was someone else's responsibility. F&C's suffering arose partly from the appreciation of sterling: some 36 per cent of the trust's holdings are in the US. The sickly state of the Japa-

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counts for another IO per cent to repay the money. The of the portfolio) also contribut- amount left over was pure ed to the underperformance. At the start of 1997, the trust's managers decided to take advantage of the strength of sterling with a "gearing exercise", a frequent investment trust ploy. Jeremy Tigue, the F&C fund manager, explained that the trust took out short-

term loans in German marks and French francs. "We converted this money into sterling. When we repaid the loans, sterling had appreciated fur-ther against both these currencies, which meant it cost us less

profit for the trust." Currently the trust is stand-

ing at a 13 per discount to net asset value. Mr Tigue believes that the improvement in performance should, in time, narrow the discount. But John Korwin-Szymanowski, investment trust analyst at Warburgs, argues that it takes a long time for good performance to translate into a narrowing of the discount and that "performance must be consistent".

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refuses to pay, ultimately you

However, many leasehold-ers have neither the time nor

the expertise to run their

blocks properly and should

seriously consider appointing a managing agent, especially if the block has more than

seven flats. Peter Ward, of

solicitors Trowers and Ham-

lins, says: "A managing agent

is money well spent. If you do

it vourself it's a recipe for argument. A managing agent

The Association of Residen-

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running of your block, you will

still have leases and will be

collectively responsible for

making sure the block is

repaired and insured in accor-

dance with the terms of the

lease. The freeholder will still

own the freehold. Important

Forming a company. This

is the easiest way to manage your block collectively. You and your fellow leaseholders

will be the only shareholders.

You should take legal advice

on setting up and structuring

issues will include:

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ance price war is over. An investigation by The Times shows that the burden of uncompetitive insurance premiums can be heavy. Using the details of a 35-yearold owner of a new Ford Mondeo from North London, we discovered a gulf of more than £300 between the best and worst insurance quotes.

Thousands of flat-owners

on long leases are expected to act to rid

themselves of incompetent or

negligent managing agents

the green light for leaseholders

challenging bad management

or unreasonable service char-

ges to apply to a leasehold valuation tribunal (LVI) from

September 1, instead of taking

their complaints to the county

court. The tribunals will

charge a maximum fixed fee of

£500 and will not be allowed to

Many flat-owners have not

dared to take landlords or

their agents to court for fear of

incurring large costs. But evi-

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A lt will be able to decide whether existing service charges are reasonable and whether it is reasonable for you

to have to pay an interim charge in

advance. For the first time you will also be

able to challenge proposed costs as well as

The tribunal will also handle applica-

tions from leaseholders trying to get their

manager replaced (see above). If your

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HOWSTO DEAL WITH DISPUTES

But who decides what "reason able" means? It's very vague.

According to Lease, the tribunal will

for which charges are disputed are

necessary. It will also ask whether the

original specification is adequate and

whether the landlord got competitive

Our landlord never replies to letters or phone calls and he will

& Sun Alliance, which charged £641.32 for a year's comprehensive cover. For a driver with a five-year noclaims bonus who drove fewer than 8,000 miles a year for purely social purposes,

intimidation forced the Gov-

ernment to strengthen the

According to Lease, the adv-

isory service for leaseholders,

there is nothing to stop groups

of residents in a block from

forming themselves into a company and applying to the

LVT to manage the block themselves. They will have to

demonstrate that the manag-

ing agent, who could be the landlord himself, has

breached his management ob-

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What will the tribunal be able to are unreasonable, you must argue your

case at the tribunal.

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rights of leaseholders.

this did not seem a good deal. Looking elsewhere pro-duced substantial savings. The next-worst quote was from Prudential at £560.25, while Hastings Direct offered cover at £448.20, almost

ity of quotes were between £400 and £500, although Direct Line quoted £395.20. and AA Insurance £390.

Imprisoned: but like Tim Robbins in The Shawshank Redemption, leaseholders with negligent managing agents can now plan their escape

Flat-owners to fight back

Sara McConnell on how leaseholders will benefit

from the long-awaited arrival of valuation tribunals

managing agents, or has de-

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unreasonable service charges.

holders that being given the

green light to take over man-

agement control of a block does

not signal the end of leasehold-

ers' problems. David Marcus of Franks Charlesly, a London

firm of solicitors, says: "The nature of management is

changing. It's not like running a social club: you are running a

property company with signifi-

cant assets and you may end up

When you take over the

suing your neighbours."

But solicitors warn lease-

However, a small number of companies offered much better deals. Premium

ries out twice-monthly surveys of premiums. He said: "A large number of companies selling car insurance are uncompetitive. Lots of drivers are paying far too much because they do not take the trouble to look around."

Rebecca Hadley of the AA agreed: "In this climate it is very important to shop around." She also advises motorists to seek out insurers who offer discounts for particular groups of customers. such as those who specialise in policies for people over 55.

ferred Direct rather than Royal & Sun Alliance. £200 less than Royal & Sun The findings did not sur-Alliance's figure. The major-

Search came up with a £297 annual premium, and Preferred Direct was cheapest of all at £277.07. Our driver would have saved £364.25 per year by choosing Pre-

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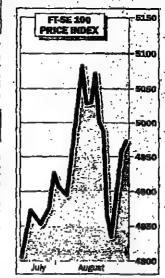
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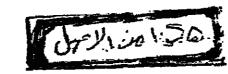
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### Review must not ignore means testing on pension supplements

From Mr C. Sharp Sir, There is one very important fact affecting any new proposal to encourage occupational or personal pensions which all your commentators seem to have missed. It is that for the nine million or so people entitled only to the fixed flat-rate state pension; most, if not nearly all, are receiving means-tested supplementary allowances to bring them up to what the Government (of whatever hue) regards as the minimum poverty line, however that may be defined in law.

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This means that if press practices are maintained (and given the tight limits on government spending this is more than likely) any relatively small additional occupational

or other pension is likely to make little or no difference to the total income available to the pensioner, since the amount will only be wholly, or largely, deducted from the means-tested supplements as is the case at present.

If there is to be another serious review of the optimum relationship between state and non-state pensions this impor-bunt factor must be clearly borne in mind and proper steps taken to ensure that the effect of additional pension provision (particularly if it is to be compulsory) will not be negated by the means-testing

Yours faithfully, CLIFFORD SHARP, Wyke Hill House. Gillingham, Dorset.

# Act fast to boost hopes of recovering antiques

All is not lost, but

most people do too

little, too late

after being burgled, says Clare Stewart

wners of heirlooms in Hampshire will sleep a little easier in the knowledge that a gang of 14 thieves has been convicted by Winchester Crown Court for stealing antiques worth £1 million. However, for those who are victims of a burglary, a fast response to the situation will greatly improve the chances of recovering your treasured

Most people who lose valuable antiques in a burglary do too little, too late and waste opportunities to retrieve stolen items. A delay in notifying insurers of losses could make the difference between getting back your antique candlesticks and them being melted down for scrap silver.

According to Nordstern Art Insurance, the specialist art insurers. 58 per cent of clients claiming compensation in the last year delayed submitting claims for between two weeks and more than a month. Only 13 per cent of clients notified the

insurer on the day of the burgiary.

Charles Hill, risk manager at Nordstern, says a delay of hours can make all the difference. "Co-operation between the private sector and the police continues to be increasingly effective.



There are specialist organisations that scour the country for stolen antiques

Given prompt warning, there is a chance of getting on the track of stolen goods. Delay helps the thieves,"

People who have been burgled will inform the police immediately but may fail to take further immmediate action, often because of the trauma of losing valuable items, particularly if they are family heirlooms. Many people postpone making a claim because they would prefer receive compensation.

Delays in tracking stolen items also occur because of inadequate documentation. "We encourage people to take photographs of items and make as detailed a description as possible, including measurements, distinguishing features, such as cracks, and all maker's marks." says David Scully, underwriting manager at Nordstern.

Two sets of records are recommended one each for the police and insurers. Good documentation may also mean lower premiums because it is one of the factors aken into consideration when calculating the cost of insurance cover.

Insurers and loss adjusters work closely with groups such the Art Loss Register, which compiles a text and visual database of stolen art and antiques. Jenny Gibson, an art historian at the Art Loss Register, said: "We search all the major auction house catalogues in the UK, US. Europe and the Far East to see if any items on our database are being offered for sale."

nother art-tracking service is offered by Trace Magazine, which carries information about stolen items and also enters details on its database and the Internet. Most of the UK insurance companies subscribe to the Art Loss Register and Trace, so individuals whose stolen goods are put on these databases do not have to pay.

Nordstern Art Insurance can be contacted o 0171-020 5001, The Art Loss Register: 0171-235 3393, Trace Magazine: 01983 826000.

### THE WEEK IN MONEY

Skipton Building Society, Britain's ninth-biggest murual, announced a 28 per cent increase in half-year profits to £18 million on Monday. The society obliged new customers opening accounts with less than £5,000 to make a donation of £25 to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, raising £150,000 in the last six months. Net lending was about £200 million, while net retail

■ Leeds & Holbeck increased its interim profits 16.8 per cent to £9.8 million. The rise was on the back of an increase in mortgage lending to £202 million. A total of 45,000 new accounts were opened in the first half of the year.

receipts were £80 million.

Insurance companies in-volved in the pensions misselling scandal have been urged to speed up the reinstatement process by Alan Milburn, the Health Minister, National Health Service workers were highlighted as being the largest category of employees affected by the scandal. Of the estimated 30,000 NHS staff who gave up their employer's pension plan in favour of less beneficial personal pensions, only 200 staff

have so far been reinstated. Earlier this month, Prudential said that it had doubled its provisions against pensions mis-selling to £450

■ The pension fund surpluses of Britain's biggest companies are continuing to decline, according to a study by Bacon & Woodrow. The findings revealed that the average level of scheme funding has edged down to 113 per cent of ongoing liabilities from 115 per cent the previous year.

Pension contributions, measured as a proportion of total payroll costs, appear to have fallen again, with the average slipping from 5.7 per cent to 5 per cent. Actuaries claim that the Government's abolition of tax credits on dividend income announced in the Budget will cut 10 per cent to 15 per cent from pension scheme funding levels, potentially pushing the average scheme into deficit or close to it.

Figures from the Building Societies Association showed a record monthly inflow of cash from currentbaggers and genuine savers. The remaining mutuals attracted £1.858 billion in July, compared with \$1.844

### Horrified by 'monstrous intrusion'

From Mr.R. Breckman Sir, I have recently received an unsolicited circular from Cheltenham & Gloucester Mortgage Direct, offering me E7,500 if I move my mortgage

Notwithstanding the fact that I do not have a mortgage,

#### Winning bonds at a premium

From Mrs Y. Z. Newbury
Sir, Mr Braunton (Weekend Money, July 25) can consider himself lucky to own a premi-um bond which has come upwith a win, however small, in both 1994 and 1997. My hushand owned 40 bonds bought in or before 1972. He was apt to wonder why he kept them, but comforted himself that at least his name: "was in the hat". One of them yielded £50 in June 1997. My husband died in January. Yours faithfully.

YVONNE NEWBURY, 8 Northanger Court. Grove Street, Bath.

I have been glibly informed that "because I am a valued customer of Lloyds Bank and have several standing orders on my account" this is the reason why I have been placed on their mailing list.

This is a monstrous intrusion into my private affairs and a gross misuse of the confidentiality of my account by my bank which I thought was sacrosanct. Is nothing sacred in this era of hard sell by our financial institutions? Yours faithfully, ROBERT BRECKMAN,

49 South Molton Street.

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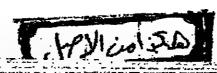
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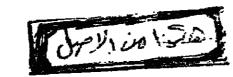
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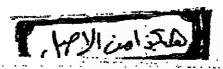
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GOLF: JOHANSSON EQUALS COURSE RECORD TO TAKE LEAD IN EUROPEAN OPEN

# Montgomerie eyes merit award

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COLIN MONTGOMERIE had another solidly profes-sional round in the Smurfit European Open at the K Club. yesterday, a 69 this time. He made it seem ho hum. He made four birdies and took three putts once - just another day at the office, really. No matter that his body clock is out of sync after he made a helter-skelter dash here from Colorado on Monday and tiredness, like darkness in northern Europe, keeps steal-

ing up on him quickly.

The worries of his bad driving at the Open and US PGA championships seem to have shrivelied in the less competitive atmosphere of a European Tour event. Montgomerie worked out why he has been hooking the ball recently when he was halfway through the made for tele vision match against Phil Mickelson in the United

He moved the ball back in his stance. In most righthanders that would promote a draw, but in Montgomerie's case it promotes a fade. Typical of me to be different," he said, smiling. This slight change made, Montgomerie surged past Mickelson and, from being four strokes be-hind, he finished three strokes ahead. The form he showed on the inward holes against the left-hander has stayed with him and, after 36 holes here,

Montgomerie is 11 under par. The K Club is not itself this year. Though it has a monstrous yardage of 7,179, this is not the course that it could and, perhaps, should be, and the players have toyed with it as a result. At tea-time, more than one third of the field of 156 were under par. Montomerie set a course record in the first round; Per-Ulrik



Olazabal's struggle to find form was evident during a disappointing round of 73 at the K Club yesterday

Johansson, of Sweden, equalled it in the second to take a one-shot lead over the Scotsman at the halfway mark.
José Maria Olazábal claims

that he does not know whether he will be selected by Severiano Ballesteros, the Europe Ryder Cup team captain, if he fails to qualify automaticaly and, meanwhile, is struggling for a semblance of form. He shot a 73 yesterday for a two-under-par total of 142 and, according to Sergio Gomez, his manager, Olazábal is "without sparkle. He does not believe in himself."

Olazabal said that when he is on the driving range he hits the hall well, but that on the course he cannot score. "I am putting badly," he said. "That is not helping. But it is not the greens because Costantino Rocca (with whom Olazábal played putted beautifully." Rocca's round of 68 left him three strokes behind

Montgomerie's considerable success in Europe could have created a dilemma for himself. He could probably win the European order of merit for a fifth time if he puts his mind to it. At present he lies fourth, less than £60,000 behind lan Woosnam and Bernhard Langer, and £46.000 behind Darren Clarke. He will certainly overtake Langer, who missed the cut here, and Clarke, who is competing in the World Series in Ohio, and he will probably overtake Woosnam, whose two rounds of 71 mean that he is nine strokes behind MontThe difficulty is that to go for a record fifth win in the order of merit requires Montgomeric to play his heart out for the rest of the season in Europe. He has already played for the past two weeks; he intends to compete every week for the next eight. And in the middle of this run comes the Ryder Cup. The worry for Europe supporters is that, at Valderrama, Montgomerie will resemble Laura Davies at the Solheim Cup last year present, but too tired to be at

#### ATHLETICS

# Radcliffe improves record

From David Powell, athletics correspondent, in Brussels

BY DAVID RAYS JONES at Worthing yesterday but not before Dennis Cook, 78, from Ross-on-Wye, had given the world outdoor lours champion, Andy Thomson; 41, a hard time in the third round of the national triples

BOWLS

Veteran Cook fails to

bridge generation gap

Cook's trio, who could boast an aggregate age of 204. were not expected to trouble Paul Hayler, Gary Smith and Thomson, from Blackheath and Greenwich, but played brilliantly, especially in the first half, and a surprise appeared on the cards when the Herefordshire team led 10-6 after 12 ends. A saving sequence of 43 and 13 came as a relief to the favourites. who were glad to get home, 17-14. Their quarter-final opponents, John Orme, Howard Brealey and Robert Gough, of Church Gresley, were in equally obdurate mood after lunch, though.

With two ends to play, the scores were level at 12-12, but the Kent trio scored a double on the seventeenth and

A BRAVE attempt by the dropped one on the last end to older generation to stem the win 14-13, after Gough had tide of youthful success failed trailed the jack with panache win 14-13, after Gough had trailed the jack with pansche with his second delivery to set up a match lie of three shots. Thomson rattled the woods leaving Derbyshire with only one shot, and Gough was unable to add a second, which would have tied the match.

Peter Line, 66, skipped Atherley into the quarterfinals, but they were beaten by a Lincoln St Giles triple skipped by Danny Brown, 33. Blaby, skipped by Tony Brimley, the Leicestershire president, 55, was edged out by a Wiltshire side, whose skip, Kevin Cousins, a junior international, is only 24.

Perhaps the most impres sive performance of the day came from the Wigton triple of Paul Barlow. 26, Andy Baxter, 30, and Steve Parish, 27, who won the national singles championship at Worthing in 1992. They over-whelmed a Burton House team, from Lincolnshire, skipped by Mike Asplen, whose No 2, Alan Bates, is 67,

by 14 shots, 22-8.

PAULA RADCLIFFE claimed the Commonwealth record. and improved her own British record for 5,000 metres here in the Ivo Van Damme memorial meeting last right. She does not intend to let it rest there. Radcliffe, the only British woman to reach a track final in an individual event at the world championships in Ath-

she felt capable of breaking the world record. Once again, Radcliffe was unable to match the finishing pace of Gabriela Szabo, the Romanian who won the world title, but this time she was rewarded. Her new record, of 4min-45.51sec, takes her to within ten seconds of the world mark of 14:36.45, held

ens, said, after clipping 1.25sec

off her previous record, that

by Fernanda Ribeiro, Irom Portugal. Having finished just outside the medals in Athens, when her lack of a finish was exposed. Raddiffe deserved something more tangible from her efforts last night. None of the three pacemakers managed to go beyond 3,000 metres and it was with five laps to go that Radcliffe seized

the initiative.

At that point, she was two seconds inside world-record schedule but, with neither Szabo nor Sally Barsosio, from Kenya, willing to take a share of the work, the pace slackened\_With 1,300 metres to go. Radcliffe almost suffered a personal disaster, stumbling on the kerb and having to raise her hands to maintain her balance.

Barsosio had been running

on Raddiffe's shoulder and

coming too close to her, she clipped the Briton and almost

caused her to fall. Raddiffe

maintained the lead until 270 metres from home when Szabo, with her familiar burst of pace, flew past to win in 14:44.21. This year, Radcliffe has finished second in the world cross country championships. fourth over 5,000 metres at the world championships, im-

proved her 3,000 metres personal best to 8:35.28 and, now, improved her British record to Of the world record, Rad-

cliffe said that, with another season's training, and perfect conditions, she should have a chance of breaking it. Conditions were not ideal here, she

said: too humid, with a wind

form.

down the back straight. Szabo, world indoor 3,000 metres champion and world outdoor champion, has been beaten only once this season. However, she was not very impressed with herself last night. "I did not run very well," she said, blaming too many celebration parties after Athens for her slight drop in

won their matches.

CRICKET

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SWIMMING

# Palmer wilts in the heat of a battle too far

FROM CRAIG LORD IN SEVILLE

MOURNFUL clouds threatened thunder and spilled rain on the San Pablo pool here yesterday, as if to grieve for what might have been for Paul Palmer and Great Britain in the 400 metres freestyle at the European championships.

In hothouse conditions, the title that Palmer, a 22-year-old from Lincoln, had been chasing, after winning silver medals at the two previous European championships and at the Olympic Games last year, went instead to Emiliano Brembilla, 18, an Italian, who clocked the third fastest time in history and the best so far

three-day event at Blair Castle after the 86-strong this year, 3min 45.9osec. That was also a championfield had completed their ship record by a margin of 1.82sec, and 1.01sec inside the dressage tests yesterday. Fredericks, riding Balenny, was able to hold off time in which Danyon Loader won the Olympic titles for New Zealand ahead of Palmer the challenge of his compatriot, Matt Ryan, the Olympic gold medal-winner in last year. "It was a magnificent swim, the kind of time I'd 1992, on the Austrian-bred aimed to do here. But it just

who was second to Palmer in

the 200 metres freestyle on

Tuesday and made swimming

history for Italy yesterday; it

was the first time that Italian

swimmers had finished first

and second at the European

Britain had achieved the

feat once before, in Budapest in 1958, when Judy Grinham

led Margaret Edwards to the

wall in the 100 metres back-

stroke. That championship

championships.

mare, Virkon Eliza. wasn't there today." Palmer BOWLS: England strength ened their grip at the top of the table by beating Scot-The Briton would have had to break his own national record by some 2.18sec to match Brembilla, and by land 28-15 in the third round of the pairs event at the 0.03sec to equal the 3:48.11sec Atlantic Rim women's of Massimiliano Rosolino, championships in Llandrin-

dod Wells yesterday. Kathleen Hawes and Mary Price opened up a 19-9 lead after 13 ends before dropping a five and a single to allow Janice Maxwell and Sarah Gourlay to close to 19-15. But the England pair picked up nine shots over the last six ends.

IN BRIEF

Sorenstam

sweeps

into lead

ANNIKA SORENSTAM turned on the style for a partisan Swedish gallery vesterday by battling over a

windswept Osterakers course in Stockholm to a

second-round 67 in the

Compaq Open. It left Sorenstam, a four-

time winner on the LPGA

Tour this year, at ten under

par on 134, three strokes

clear of Nancy Lopez. Ali-

son Nicholas, the US Open

champion, is the leading

British player in a chasing

**EOUESTRIANISM: Clay-**

ton Fredericks, of Australia

took the lead in the

Bowmore International

group on 143.

GOLF: Jenny Clink and her son, Tim, won a one-sided final of the Burhill Family Foursomes. The Lilley Brook pair were too strong for Linda Sechiari and her son, Simon, and finished the match on the 12th, winning 7 and 6.

TENNIS: Miles Madagan gained one of the best wins of his career when he beat Jean-Philippe Fleurian, the France Davis Cup player, 6-2, 7-6 in the first round of the US Open qualifying competition yesterday. Danny Sapsford was beaten 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 by Mark Nielsen, of New Zealand.

Britain's No I woman, and Lorna Woodroffe, the No 3, from Surrey, both also marked the only time that a Briton had achieved what Palmer, a gold medal-winner in the 4 x 200 metres relay on Wednesday, was aiming for yesterday; Ian Black, of Aberdeen, is still the only Briton to win three European titles at one championship.

However, Palmer, who finished in 3:50.03, was no match for Brembilla yesterday. As the protagonists marched on to the deck to Deep Purple's Smoke on the Water, a great cheer went up from 500 citizens of Chignolo, a village of 2,500 in northern Italy. They had turned out in support of their local hero, wearing T-shirts bearing the logo "Bremilla First Club".

Brembilla did not disappoint them, rolling past the Briton at the halfway mark as though in a different league. Palmer could not respond and the race, in which Britain's Graeme Smith, warming up for the 1.500 metres tomorrow finished sixth, was lost,

Brembilla was fourth in the 400 metres in Atlanta when Palmer won his silver medal. The Italian, at 5ft 10in and 11st 4lb some 7in shorter and 37lb lighter than Palmer, was covering a staggering 20 kilometres a day in training by the time he was eight. "I get up to 23 kilometres now," he said vesterday with a smile.

Meanwhile, the stars of the championships were to the fore again yesterday. Alexander Popov shaved a further 0,07sec off his 100 metres freestyle championship record as lead-off man in the Russian 4 x 100 metres freestyle relay team that set a European record of 3min 16.85sec. 0.21sec inside the time they clocked to win the Olympic silver medal last year.

Popov's time was 49.02sec. the exact time that he had recorded when winning the Olympic title for the first time. in 1992. He has now swum ten of the 20 fastest times in

history. Michelle Smith announced yesterday that she had withdrawn from the 200 metres medley today. She said that she was fired and that her legs had felt "wobbly" after her defeat in the 400 metres freestyle, on Thursday, Instead. the double gold medal-winner will concentrate on the 200 metres butterfly tomorrow.

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# FOR THE RECORD T Addison (Cleveland) 21-16, M Smirn (Incoinshire) bit B Plowman (Northampionshire) 21-16; B Middleton (Northampionshire) 21-16; B Middleton (Northampionshire) 21-16; B Middleton (Northampionshire) to N Brown (North) 21-16. J Nennedy (North Essen) tot R (Jackson (North Cambridgestire) 21-20 Four House (Incoinshire) bit S Wyood (Northambertand) 21-16. J Summore (Suffolk) bit D Turner (Northampionshire) 21-10 (Northambertand) 21-16. J Summore (Suffolk) bit D Noble (Durham) 21-13. J Wones (Northambertand) 21-16. J Summore (Suffolk) bit D Reyboth (Northampionshire) 21-12. P White (Northampionshire) 21-12. P White (Northampionshire) 21-12. P White (Northampionshire) bit P Wingtle (Nothampionshire) bit S Depotes (Derbyshire) 21-12. P White (Northampionshire) 21-17. C Jackson (North Cambridgestire) bit M Berlow (Hurringdonshire) 21-12. D Overton (Hurringdonshire) 21-12. P Overton (Hurringdonshire) 21-12. P Overton (Hurringdonshire) 21-12. P Overton (Hurringdonshire) 21-13. J Eason (Jurne) 21-14. S Feur-board singles: M Harmant (Northamborshire) bit J Chapmen (Hurringdonshire) 21-19. B Lamb (Cleveland) bit Y Harper (Suffolk) 21-13; T Harvard (Suffolk) bit A Whash (Ourthamp 21-19; T Harvard (Suffolk) bi

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COMMACK, New York, Men's tournament: Second round; M Chang (US) bit Y Woodbridge (Aus) 6-0, 6-2; G Vancevic (Crol bit N Laperthi (Ec) 5-7, 6-2, 7-6; M-4 Göltner (Ger) bit G Kuernen (Br) 6-3, 7-6; M-4 Göltner (Ger) bit G Kuernen (Br) 6-3, 7-6; M-8 Hensberg (US) bit A Boetsch (Fr) 6-4, 6-4; J Alonso (Sp) bit J Bporham (Sere) 8-3, 8-4, I Enquist (Siee) bit C Profine (Fr) 7-5, 4-6, 6-1 ATLANTA: Women's tournament: Quarter-limate: I Majori (Cro) bit B Solution (Cro) bit Solution (Be) 6-1, 7-5 A Coetzer (SA) bit J Novolna (Cz) 1-6, 6-3, 6-1 Semi-finet; Testud bit Major (7-5, 6-3)

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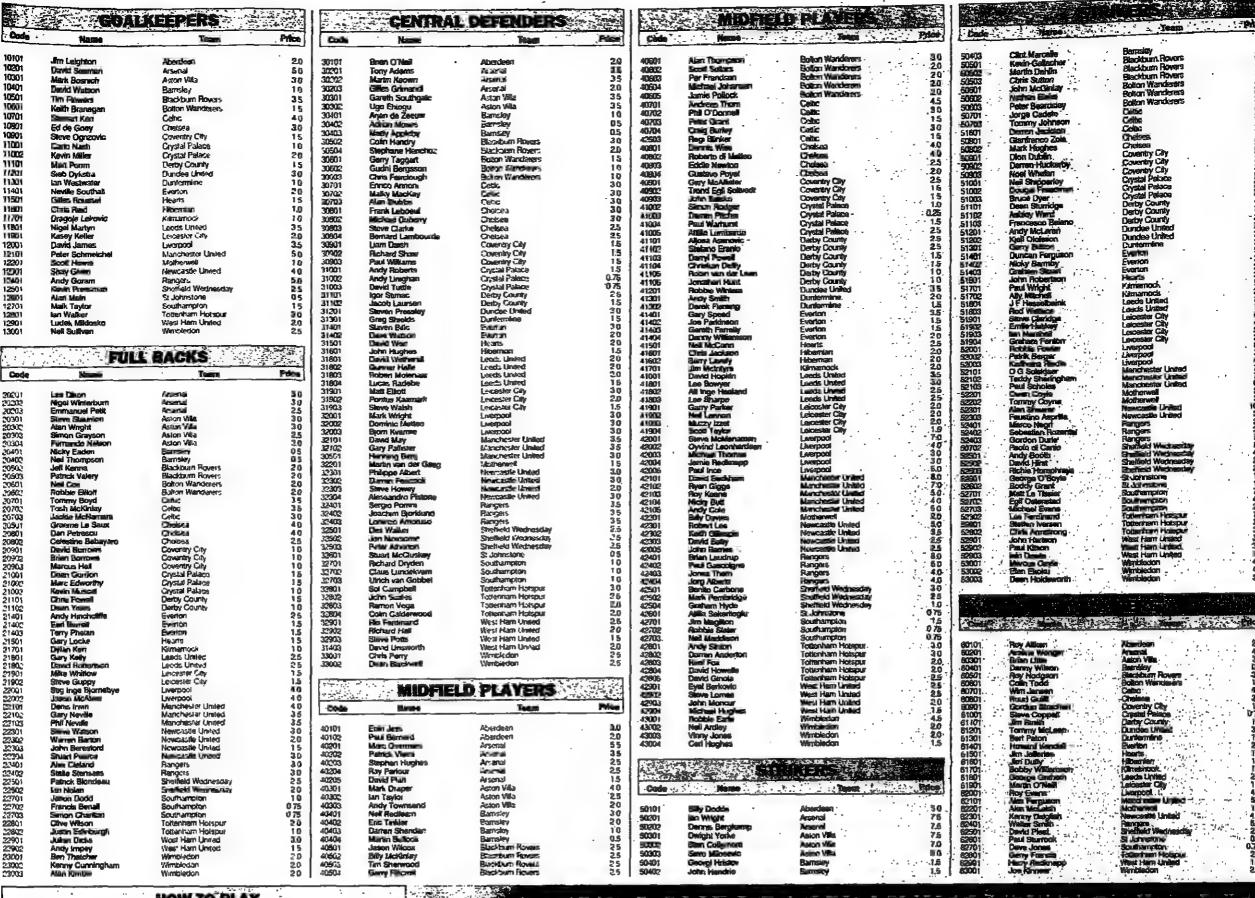
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Gloucester to profit from French connection with the brothers Saint-Andre as new season starts

# Falling in love with the men in The Shed

THE man said to have put a smile on the face of French rugby has not lost his sense of ... humour. "I play for Glouces-ter but I live in Cheltenham." Philippe Saint-Andre said, and he laughs: even in the short time that he has been at Kingsholm, he knows the subtle distinction between the

The words "cosmopolitan". and "Gloucester" sit rather awkwardly together, but that is what Tom Walkinshaw's money has enabled the archetypal English rugby club to become. Hence a three-quarter line against Bristol today made up of two French brothers, an Australian and a

Western Samoan.
This is the first season of the rest of Saint-Andre's rugby life. Pew distinctions have passed the 30 year-old from Romans by: 64 appearances on the wing for France, 29 of those as captain, and 31 tries. which puts him sixth in the alltime list and second only to Serge Blanco in France.

Now, however, Saint-Andre seeks what is best for him. But Gloucester? Scarcely chic or soigne, the occupants of The Shed - but that forms much of the appeal. He and his brother, Raphael ("Buy one, get one free," the sardonic joke ran after the elder Saint-Andre was followed by his 26-year-old sibling played for Montferrand, focal point of Clermont-Ferrand's sporting life — just as rugby is in

Philippe spent nine years with Montterrand, during which time they changed from a forward-dominated side to the free-flowing XV that con-tested the 1994 club final. Last season, when Saint-Andre was out for three months with a groin injury, they reverted to a more ponderous game and when Richard Hill, Gloucester's director of rugby, made





contact last November, the time was ripe for change.

"If I wanted to continue at. the highest level, I needed to play professional rugby, full time, Saint-Andre said. It was not a question of money, but I felt that, if I wanted to stay in the France team and continue to the 1999 World Cup, I had to concentrate on rugby. I thought about England because the club championship is the best in Europe. It would offer me experience of a different culture and allow me to discover why England could beat France eight times in a row.

The man who scored one of the most glorious tries in rugby history — the end-to-end effort that graced the 1991 grand-slam decider at Twickenham - grins. The joker, who famously had one glass too many while on national service and was suspended from duty, has matured into the leader who demanded an unwanted discipline from his teams, yet still recognises that life is for living.

Hill was an opponent that

Saint-Andre's relephone rang. there was instant recognition. allied to Hill's facility with the French language. "He has an interesting project here at Gloucester," Saint-Andre said. Three other clubs in England contacted me and Stade Français in Paris wanted me to go there, but I did not want

to go to a big city.

"I know the reputation of The Shed. They love their team and that's critical. We had them with Montferrand - les populaires - and we know there will be a collective effort to make sure they accept us." Already, Saint-Andre has arranged for English lessons — Raphaël, a centre or wing, speaks better English and acis as translator for himself and Sylvie, his wife, who arrived in Cheltenham last week.
"When I told her we might

be moving, she was aston-ished and then very excited," Saint-Andre said. "She thinks she might see more of me because, in France, all the time people would ask me to do this Les frères Saint-Andres will

certainly bring a finishing power the West Countrymen have lacked, experience, new training methods and, above all, that subtlety of movement first-time movement, Saint-Andre calls it — that is characteristic of the French. At the same time, Saint-Andre hopes that his move

will not conclude his international career. Though Jean-Claude Skrela and Bernard Lapasset, coach to France and president of the French federation respectively, tried to persuade him to stay, they have not closed the door. "The truth will be seen on the pitch," he said. "International rugby is like a rich cake - once you have eaten it, you want more. I have eaten a lot, but I am not



Philippe Saint-Andre and his brother Raphael, right, will be working closely with the other new signings to further the Gloucester cause this season

# Cooke accuses RFU of being cack-handed

AS THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) continued its milk round of clubs to find Jack Rowell's successor, with Clive Woodward and John Mitchell emerging as the leading contenders in a joint role, Geoff Cooke yesterday criti-cised the Twickenham hierarchy for its handling of the affair, which, he said, had made England \*a laughing

Cooke, who oversaw one of the most successful periods in England's rugby history before resigning as manager in 1994, having tired of the "goldfish bowl" existence, said the manner in which Rowell, his successor, had been treated was resonant of his

"It has been an absolute shambles, but doesn't surprise me at all," he said. "I think Jack has been treated appallingly and I feel very sorry for him. I don't blame him at all for sticking two fingers up to

"I had enough of the con-stant back-stabbing and vendettas from certain quarters within the RFU. Nothing, it seems, has changed. They are quite quick to criticise others, but they ought to look hard at themselves and what they are doing. It is an example of the RFU at their worst, their cackhanded management of

He said Fran Cotton, vice-chairman of the RFU management board, had made a mistake in condemning Rowell before he had signed a deal with Ian McGeechan, who withdrew from contention for the coaching job on Monday, "He should have kept a discreet silence," Cooke said. "Now it's backfired on him and people are questioning his judgment and his ability to handle the media. These are things you find out the hard way."

Cooke, now the chief executive and director of rugby at Bedford, said he would not work for the RFU again if "it was the last job on earth". He believes that Richard Hill has the credentials to succeed Rowell but is concerned about his relative inexperience as a

"But he knows what international rugby is all about," Cooke said. "He is very methodical, and is well-liked and respected, all of which are crucial. He would be high up on my list but so would Tony Russ, who did a great job at Leicester before they dumped him. However, he lacks international experience, which he may feel counts against him. Clive Woodward is ambitious enough to do the job but i

The one solace for Cooke is that, whoever takes over will inherit a strong international squad, which will be tested this autumn against New Zealand, South Africa and Australia. During Cooke's seven-year tenure, England won 33 of 47 internationals, two grand slams and reached the World Cup final.

Cooke said an Englishman should be at the helm. "There has always got to be a bit of passion and heart in the thing," he said. "I am not against having the odd mercenary providing specialised support but I think an En-glishman should coach Eng-

A decision on a successor is due on Friday when the RFU management board meets to consider recommendations from the national playing committee. Woodward, who has had meetings with Bill Beaumont, the committee's chairman, and Don Rutherford, the director of rugby, is regarded as something of a free spirit, but Mitchell, as the forwards' coach, and Roger Uttley, who is expected to be named as manager, would be more than adequate foils. Where that would leave Mike Slemen and Les Cusworth remains to be seen.

RUGBY LEAGUE: SCHOOLBOY BLOODED INTO FIRST TEAM

# Leeds give Sinfield chance at 16

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KEVIN SINFIELD, one of the most fought-over schoolboy international olayers for his debut less alaba to make his debut last night for Leeds Rhinos, at the age of lo. Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League (RFL) chief executive, named the young loose forward when he tackled the Government about the national academy of sporting excellence.

At the start of the week, rugby league found itself ex-cluded from the National Lottery-backed £100-million academy because it was a commercial team sport. By Thursday, it was confirmed that rugby league would be given access to the academy's sports science, sports medicine, psychological and nurritional advice facilities.

Lindsay fold Chris Smith. the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport "Andy Farrell is a young" player who has made it to the top of the game at Wigan and became Great Britain captain at an early age. How much-further could he have developed with the national academy at his disposal? It is important that up-and-coming talents like Kevin Sinfield are. not denied this opportunity." Don Preston, the England

Sinfield as the best player at under-16 level he had seen, including Ellery Hanley and Garry Schofield John Kear, the former RFL technical director, said he had not seen a player so young quite so talented which explained the clamour to sign up the Oldham schoolboy.

Leeds have not always been the most alert talent spotters. Jason Robinson was rejected at Headingley and the player. who became a Great Britain wing, fell into Wigan's lan. Sinfield was one of four of last season's England schools team picked up by Leeds. Before Sinfield joined them in April, Dean Bell, the Leeds coach, saw him score three tries and land seven goals from as many attempts in a defeat of France under-los.

Since he arrived at Leeds, Sinfield has helped the club to win the Alliance and Academy championships. Bell said: "I have been monitoring his progress. He came with a big reputation and I have been keen not to rush him. He has been developing well in the Academy side and he has progressed into the Alliance

"As it is coming to the end of the season, I thought that I would give him a taste of firstteam rugby. It will give him



Lindsay: push for academy

something to aspire to and I don't think it will do him any harm. In fact, I think it will do him the world of good."

Before his debut against

Sheffield Eagles at home last night, Sinfield said: "I should have been playing for Lanca-shire Academy but Dean withdrew me from the squad and asked me to train with the first team. I didn't expect to be in the team for a long time yet. I have to keep pinching

Meanwhile, Lindsay is wanted back at the troubled Wigan club, where an RFL team, including Roy Waudby, the financial director, Tony Eagleton, the financial executive, and Ronnie Teeman, a solicitor, is trying to unpick the mess after the resignations of Jack Robinson and Tom

Rathbone, the chairman and vice-chairman, in midweek. Lindsay, Robinson's predecessor, has been under heavy pressure at the RFL Moreover, he has also been linked with a possible move to London Broncos, should rumours of a takeover there by the Virgin Group prove to be true. A return to Central Park.

where he and Robinson were instrumental in the success of the Eighties and early Nineties, was suggested by David Whelan, the chairman of Wigan Athletic Football Club. Whelan's call for a chairman whom supporters can

respond to was issued as he reiterated his determination not to talk with Wigan about sharing a planned new ground in the town with the football dub until Arthur Thomas, the third signatory to a controversial £12-million deal to sell Central Park to the Tesco supermarket chain. follows Robinson and Rathbone in leaving the club.

An olive branch by Thomas, who stepped into the chair-man's role and invited peace talks, was spurned by Whelan. "Once all three directors are gone, we can start talking." he said. "I don't want to take over the club, but I believe that a deal could be done to keep Wigan in the

### FOOTBALL

### Coultard the first to win 100 caps

GILLIAN COULTARD today becomes the first England women's footballer to win 100 caps when she plays against Scotland at Livingston FC (Sarah Forde writes). Coultard, 34, made her

debut ló years ago against Ireland. A tenacious midfield player, she has since scored 25 goals for her country, including the first women's international goal at Wembley. Her football career began

23 years ago, when she joined Doncaster Belles, her local club and the one that she still plays for. Coultard soon became a regular for both club and country, at her peak helping Doncaster to become the dominant team in England during the late 1980s and the early

It is likely that England will celebrate Coultard's achievement with a victory. They beat Scotland 6-0 at Bramall Lane in March. and in 12 meetings between the sides since 1972, England have won 11 and lost

### RUGBY UNION

# Newcastle's hopes high against weakened Bath

THERE will never be a better time, you might think, for Newcastle to begin their career in the Allied Dunbar Premiership. Even though they must visit the Bath Recreation ground today. where success is given to few opponents, Bath have been so ravaged by injuries that nearly a complete international team is absent.

The five backs and four forwards on the casualty list might yet find Jonathan Callard joining them. The England full back must undergo a fitness test this morning and should he withdraw. Matt Perry is likely to occupy the No 16 shirt and another youngster, Jonathan Pritchard, will join the international midfield of Phil de Glanville and Mike Catt.

With Ieuan Evans absent on honeymoon and Mark Regan, Nathan Thomas and David Hilton confined to the replacements, it is Newcastie's chance to make hay. They will field a dozen internationals from five countries, among them Tim Stimpson who has been handed the goalkicking duties that



Stimpson: big season

he fulfilled so effectively for the British Isles in South Africa during the summer. This is the season for Stimpson, and Newcastle, to blossom and the young full back will hope to show that his vision as a footballer has

matured. Should Newcastle begin with a win, the other promoted team, Richmond, will hope to match them at the expense of London Irish. They have advertised their opening match locally as a family day and hope for a 6,000 crowd. but family values may be notably absent on the field as these near-neighbours need to make the best of starts in what

Agustin Pichot, Richmond's Argentina scrum half, is injured but his colleague, Rolando Martin, and the former Neath hooker, Barry Williams, make their premiership debuts. Johnny Ngauamo, Tonga's captain, will be paired with

Will Carling in the centre for Harlequins, visitors to Northampton where Gregor Townsend now says he will play at centre as and when required.

Before the second weekend of Welsh League action, Swansea have lost Steve Moore, the lock selected by Wales to win his second cap against Romania at Wrexham next Saturday. Moore, 25, has declined to sign a new contract and may confirm a move to Moseley but, on the credit side, Scott Gibbs makes his first appearance of the season at St Helen's against Newport, who have ten players unavailable through injury.

Steve Williams makes his debut in Cardiff's back row against Neath, his former club, but Llanelli have withdrawn Wayne Proctor from the meeting with Bridgend. Proctor has a dead leg.

### GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

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# Crowds flock to see one of motor racing's greatest challenges in practice for Belgian Grand Prix

# Torrent of danger backs drivers into a corner

he noise grew in in-tensity until the eardrums ached, and Michael Schumacher plunged into Eau Rouge at 180mph. His Ferrari was floating on surface water, which ran downhill towards the car. and twitching malevolently. A small, almost imperceptible movement of his head signalled he was fighting for control yet, through the spray, he aimed for the tip of the tallest pine tree on the horizon.

As he disappeared over the blind brow here yesterday afternoon, a red tail-light winking through the gloom, the crowd was strangely silent. They were awe-struck. Their pilgrimage to the corner where testosterone meets adrenalin had been rewarded. They had been reminded of the essence of Formula One. a sport in danger of being emasculated by the conventions of political correctness.

Ayrton Senna, whose death resulted in the neutering of many circuits, called Spa, venue for the Belgian Grand Prix tomorrow, "the university of Formula One". Eau Rouge is the site of its masterclass. Jacques Villeneuve con-

sciously catches his breath there. Damon Hill suppresses the eerie sensation that he is about to bury himself

beneath the Ardennes forest. Schumacher has to ignore instincts that implone him to reduce the pressure applied on the accelerator by his right foot.

It is a rare reality check, at a time when the paddock is preoccupied by the political machinations of the silly season. The ceaseless chatter about contracts and cash, alliances and aggravation, is put into context by the challenge that it represents. It allows cynics to regress into their mic loss of street credibility. In the words of Tom Walk-inshaw, the TWR Arrows team owner. "it's the last real man's corner left in Formula

The cars accelerate out of La Source, a right-hand hairpin, shaving the barriers as they accelerate downhill, past the drivers reach 180mph by the



At Spa Francorchamps

time they cross the bridge that spans the red-tinged stream. which gives the corner its name. They flick their cars left, and then right, towards an intimidating wall of Tarmac that appears to stretch to infinity. The car bottoms out just as the driver is being assaulted by G-forces that approach four times his own

body weight. His helmet feels unbearably heavy. His vision is blurred. His shoulders are bruised, his neck is compressed. He is dimly aware of sparks, coming from the underside of the

'You have to go through a barrier that is mental as well as physical'

> chassis, but is too busy trying to stop the car from slewing sideways to care. "You feel as if you are just going to keep going down, down, down, Hill explained. "I'm not in Formula One for the danger in fact I'd be quite happy if we were divorced from the macho stuff - but there is something addictive in the sensation of going flat out through Eau Rouge. Deep down, getting something special out of your-

self is what we all do this for."
Yet the job is only half-done at the fold in the valley overlooked by an old hotel, which, in a concession to the commercial realities that shaped Formula One, has been colonised for the weekend by the corporate-hospitality hordes. The car climbs 300 feet in a fraction of a second. when the driver is wrestling with the wheel and a warped sense of perspective. "You really have to push yourself as a human being to take Eau Rouge quickly in the wet." Villeneuve said. "It seems impossible, but you have to make the conscious decision to

You have to break through a barrier that is mental, as well as physical. It seems like you're climbing into the sky. Even if you feel on the verge of disaster, you have to imagine your right foot is bolted to the floor and you can't lift it off. You hang in there, getting more and more tense. You stop

breathing.
"You feel as if you are absolutely on the ragged edge and are lucky to make it through. It depends on instinct and blind faith in your capabilities.

There are surprisingly few serious accidents, although the Italian driver, Alex Zanardi. champion-elect in the Indycar series this season, was fortunate to survive a momentous crash in a Lotus in 1993. He ploughed straight on, instead of negotiating the final left-hand kink at the crest. Failure of the pressurised active suspension system left

him a passenger. The deceleration was so violent that it stretched his safety harness and resulted in him butting the steering wheel.
"I have two blackand-white pictures of

the crash fixed in my memory," he said. "One is of people trying to rescue me and the other, quite amazing, is of me with my head a couple of centimetres from the wall. That must have been after the first impact, because I had nothing left on the left side of the car. The front and rear tyres had been ripped off. along with the suspension. and the sidepod was gone. I'm lucky to be able to talk about

The corner encourages humility, an awareness of history. Johnny Herbert, with good reason, characterises Eau Rouge as "the biggest test of skill in Formula One". Alan Jenkins, the designer of the first Stewart-Ford, describedit as "one of those great motor-



Cars battle through the spray during the first free practice at Spa-Francorchamps yesterday. Photograph: Mike Cooper / Allsport

racing places where history is engraved on the Tarmac". His driver, Rubens Barrichello, climbed out of the car yesterday, having taken fourth place in free practice, and summed up the experience in a single

Hill, whom he relegated to

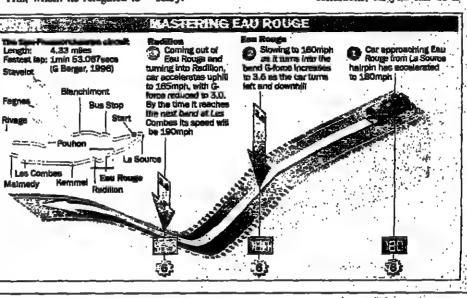
fifth on the provisional grid, was similarly wide-eyed. With 22 of us hammering towards Eau Rouge, we'll be able to see nothing," he predicted, "Even out there on my own. I had it sideways and nearly into the barrier. It's

In those conditions all you can do is to grit your teeth with. a flood of water coming towards you. It's travelling at 15mph and you're travelling at 175mph in the other direction, so you start aquaplaning. It's just so treacherous. In those conditions, all you can do is

grit your teeth and concentrate like hell. But it is Schumacher to whom everyone defers in such circumstances. He has won three times at Spa in the past

five years and regards the

do what I do," he said. "This ..." gives me all the answers. It is a true driver's circuit, on which you can express yourself. I look forward to coming here every year. Every time I go through Eau Rouge, it gives circuit as his spiritual home me a special fe
"Many people ask me why I like no other." me a special feeling. A feeling



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5.55 BUSINESS TELEGRAPH HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,136: 2m 1l 110yd) (6)

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5.40 WESTERDALE AUCTION STAKES SKY (2-Y-0: £2,923: 50) (4 runners) 1 1328 PURE CONCEDENCE 22 (D) 6 Lmm, II-13 ... Pont Schwy 1 2 32 QUANCERES 35 John Berty 8-5 ... ... M. Feeton 2 3 0 TRANSPA 86 II Disclots 8-4 ... ... J Carroll 8 4 2131 BEECHMOOD QUEST 8 (D.D) 8 Robard 8-3 ... P France (3) 4 2-5 Pure Considence, 9-7 Conteness 6-1 Brechmond Classic, 16-1 Technics.

6.05 HERITEL SERVICES HANDICAP (£3,912: 1m) (13) 1 1904 CASSAGRE LADY 14 (D.G) Leyn 5-10 01 2 6050 HOTH RETURNS 5 (F) M Bed 4-94 Gradua 3 0606 ROTH RESURENCE (F) M Bed 4-94 JC 4 1112 DEE PEE TEE CEE 20 (BF,C,D,F,G,S) M W Sanisty 8-97

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7.35 WHITEY CONDITIONS STAKES SKY (2-Y-0 £3,438: 77) (5) U 2.5,450. 7/1 (3)
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8.05 YORKSHIRE-TYNE TEES TELEVISION HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3,218: 1m 6l 19yd) (13) 

7-2 Beachings Lion, 5-1 Sparrots, Kengenier, 7-1 Shilling, 6-1 Augusto, Dales Bay 10-1 Love Me Do. 12-1 others COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPERS: F Haseon, 10 waters from 31 minuters, 32 3%, J Gesden, 18 from 59, 30 5%; J Querden, 13 from 47, 27 7%, M Situale, 6 from 31 19 47. S (Billingert, 5 from 30, 16 7%, M Situale, 6 from 32 GERS) to Halland S waters from 72 cides, 22 7%, K (Darley, 55 from 27), 20 45° Paol Eddery, 9 from 48, 18,8%, G Carley, 12 from 53, 17 45° J Carme, 19 from 145, 13,1%, 5 Capp. 5 from 39, 12 5%.

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2.16 (im: 20] 1, LONELY HEART (J Reid, 12-1); 2. Hondo (Pat Eddery, 8-12 tax); 3, Melesty (R Hills, 9-3), ALSO RAN: 6, Shooting Star (Str), 8 Lighten Lp (4th) 8 min. 31, 31, 17, 8), D Esseoth as Whitcombo, Total 211.00; 24.10, 51.10. DF: Ext.10. OS: \$11.00; 24.10, 51.10. DF: Ext.10. OS: \$11.00; 24.10, 51.10. Thigger (Pat Eddery, 100-30 tay). ALSO RAN: 4 Karabona (4th), 13-2 Mr Browning (8th), North Reid, 8 Stearmoother Stanty, Tilogia (5th), 8 ran. Shd, 31, 1-11, nix, 31 J Gosten et. Newmarker: Total £: 18-20; £: 23.0, £: 29.0, £: 160. DF: £76 80. CSF: £74.58. Tricast: £: 294.37.

E74.58. Tricast £294.97.

9.10 (71) 1. MEDNIGHT LINE (W Fyan, 11-3); 2. Alignment (J Red., 7-1); 3. Esthemos (R Hills, 64 tav) ALSO RAN.

7-2 Half-Hitch (Sin), 10 Filey Bridg (Gib), 11 Filey Brockston (4th), 6 ran. Sh hd., 14/, 13/, 74. H Cecil at Newmarkst. Tols: 08.50, £2.50, £3.10 DF: £23.30, CSF: £37.44

1830; 5230, 5310 DF: 12330, CSF: 527.44

8.40 (Im 18 1, SWEET CONTRALTO (Pet Eddery, 4-1 Admir; 2-Al Arher (A McGione 12-1); 3. Dendel (G Hard, 10-1); ALSO RAN: 4 g-lev Ketel, 11-2 Space Race (Sth. 6 Mandes Prince (Hill), 8 Surbeam Darios, 10 Olivo, 14 Merclass Cop (688, 9 mr. 134, sh hd. 5, 3, 34, D Loder at Newmarket, Tote: £5 10; 52.00. 53.10, 52.50 DF 248.20 Tho: £327.20, CSF: 547.32 Tricast, 2406.86. E3.10, 52.60 DF 249.20 Trio. 5127.20. CSF-517.32 Tricest 2406.86.

4.15 (80) 1. FERST DIANCE (Pat Eddery, 4-5 lay). 2. Poemb (J Reid, 9-2); 3. Blarrey Park (J Chrim, 15-2) ALSO RAN. 5. Becanude Triangle (6th), 25 Dahlidya Ratt). Seet Trine 40 Fer-50-La, Lady Reighton (6th). B ran. Sh. Ind. 10, Inj. 114, rik. P. Hannon at East Eventrain Totar 51.60; 21.30. C2.00. £1.70 DF 24.10. CSF-51.30. C2.00. £1.70 DF 24.10. CSF-51.30. C2.00. £1.70 DF 24.10. CSF-54.08. Bruight in 9.000gms.

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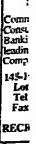
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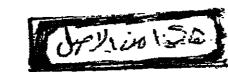
DESERT PRINCE, the mount of Kieren Fallon, heads a 13strong British raid on Dean ville this weekend when he contests tomorrow's group and Prix Morey. David Loder and the colfs owners, the Lucayan Stud, will be hoping for a repeat of last year's six furlong contest, in which Bahamian Bounty touched off Zamindar. the hot favourite. Their chief rival will again be an Andre Fabre trained colt carrying the Khaled Abdullah colours the unbeaten Zafonic colt.

Xaar, ridden by Olivier Pestier. Since finishing second to Har-bour Master in the Covenity Stakes at Royal Ascot but is reported in good form.
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attempts to get back on the winning trail following second places in the Asont Gold Cup and Goodwood Cop in the group two Prix Kergoriay. --

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# Among Men can give Stoute cause to celebrate

ACTNG CORRESPONDENT

AFTER the battering suffered by pumers at York's Ebor meeting this week rais questionable whether many will have any ammunition left with which to try to balance the books today. Perhaps, that is just as well.

While there is no shortage of races from which to choose, quality is in short supply and today's feature event the Tripleprint Celebration Mile at Goodwood, is something of a damp squib, having attracted just four runners for the E50,000-added group two

Polar Prince, who beat the Michael Stoute-trained Faithful Son in the Diomed Stakes: at Epsom on Derby Day, sub-sequently ran with credit at the Curragh and Deauville. while Cape Cross won over course and distance three weeks ago before disappoint-

Nap: AL MUALLIM (3.10 Newmarket) Next best: Dancing Image (2.45 Goodwood)

However, it is difficult to look beyond the Stoute-trained Among Men, who has improved with every run since making a winning debut at Newmarket's Guineas

A reproduction of the form which saw him win the Jersey Stakes would suffice here and he produced an even better effort when finishing fourth, beaten 2's lengths, behind Ali-Royal in the Suspex Stakes here. Although the bookmakers have their astchels full after the Knavesmire exchanges, they are hardly likely about the favourite.

Earlier in the afternoon, 13 runners line up for the Crowson Rated Handicap (2.45), but the three to concentrate on are Restructure, who returns to handicap company after contesting group races, King Of Peru, a course and distance winner who ran his



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time, and Dancing Image. lan Balding's decision to re-turn the Salse gelding to seven forlongs paid off handsomely when he ran out an easy winner over course and distance last time out. Best held up in a fast-run race, he can follow up in the capable hands

of Michael Kinane. The shares of Ladbroke are climbing ever higher on the stock market and the sprint handicap (3.15), sponsored by Britain's biggest firm of book-makers, helps to explain its commercial success. Backers ere attracted like moths to light by such races despite the difficulty of separating 20 or more tightly handicapped

With Oggl (drawn three) Gadge (two) and Scissor Ridge (five) all liking to race promnently, the pace is likely to develop up the stands side and that could help Faraway Lass, ridden by Frankie Dettori. She recorded a careerbest effort when finishing fourth, beaten less than a length, in the Stewards' Cup. .All her best form is on a sound surface and any overnight rain would reduce her

Away from the television cameras, the race which makes most betting appeal is the Chris Blackwell Memorial Handicap at Newmarket (3.10). Jorrocks showed a good turn of foot to win a competitive Geodwood handicap last time and is on the upgrade. Wassi will deservedly have

their supporters. However, Al Musilim has improved on each of his four starts and impressed when beating Levelled at Lingfield six days ago. That was over six furlengs and he should be equally effective over today's



MONDAY: Epsem (C4, 2.05), Newcastle (C4, 2.20), Chepstow (2.15), Ripon (2.10), Warwick (2.30), Cartmel (2.00), Huntingdon (2.15), Footwell Park (2.30), Southwell (2.30), Newton Abbot (2.30). TUESDAY: Ripon (2.30), Ultoweler

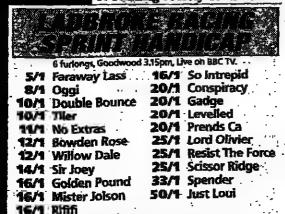
WEDNESDAY: Brighton (2.20), Car-liste (2.10), Worcester (2.00). THURSDAY: Lingfield Park (AW, 2.00), Musselburgh (2.20), Sadge-field (2.10).

FRIDAY: Chester (2.10), Sandown Park (2.00), Perth (2.20).

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# Midnight Line profits from slender margin

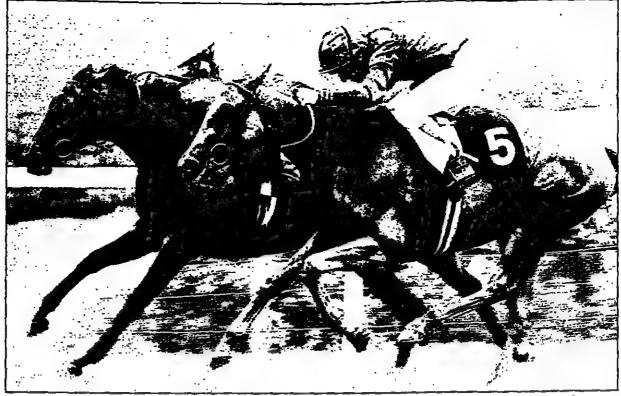
LITTLE wonder if in racing fortunes frequently appear suspended by a horselair. Sometimes they are deter-named by the width of one. At Goodwood yesterday, 24 hours after declaring a fam-Jane Stickels was presented with a photograph that teased the very justice out of

judging.
The two fillies involved. after a desperate finish to the Prestige Stakes, even seemed to have been named with her formentingly in mind: Midnight Line and Alignment.

After some ten minutes' examination of their murky nostrils - half the time it took her to reach a verdict at York - the official felt able to distinguish a minute advan-tage in favour of Midnight

When the print was sub-

mitted to anguished analysis by members of the press, some of whom could even hold a magnifying glass steady, it was difficult to imagine how much less decisive the Nunthorpe image could have been. It sounds like an easy job, being a racecourse judge, but you would not be surprised to learn that Telly Savalas had been one once.



Midnight Line, near side, finishes strongly to deny Alignment by a short head at Goodwood yesterday

How cruel that so much from 10p yankees in a Penge betting shop to the many ds of pounds that a group three success adds to the value of a broodmare can hinge on so little. Doubly so that Alignment should

have been headed for but one stride in covering these seven furlanes of rolling downland, The courage with which she suitable match, but neither filly deserved to be beaten.

width of the cursor line, but I didn't need a second print today." Stickels said yester-day. "It can be extremely difficult to get the line exactly on the horse's nose, and sometimes as little as a flared nostril makes the difference.

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it's very sad for the loser, but I'm here to split them if I Midnight Line, trained by

Cecil for Fahd Salman, had won over course and distance at the big meeting here last month, and may

now try to emulate the May Hill Stakes success of her dam. Midnight Air. Anthony Penfold, the owner's racing manager, said: "She has run her heart out, and another furlong will not go amiss

should she go to Doncaster." Willie Ryan, the winning jockey, added: "As we saw at York, when it takes so long, you would both happily settle for a dead-heat. All credit to both fillies, they're very

Earlier in the summer. even more had hinged on a similarly close verdict, when Ryan clung on to the Derby on Benny The Dip, and John Reid - while confessing the print to be "as close to a deadheat as I have ever seen" was in no mood to push his luck in lamenting that of Alignment. He had got up in similar circumstances with Cape Verdi to deprive Embassy in the Lowther Stakes at York the previous day.

favouritism in the process. Bookmakers have lesser expectations for the protagonists here, Coral offering 33-1 about both, and likewise about Elshamms, the beaten favourite. "I'm disappointed, because I thought she was very good," Alec Stewart, her trainer, said, "But she is immature and didn't get home after doing too much

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315	(21) 1000002	LORD OLMER 15 (BF.D.S.S) (Mir. V Javes) W Janes 7-8-4 Entime O'Gorman	86
319		AST LOUI 7 (V,D) (N Shelde) K Bate 3-8-1	87
320		RESIST THE FORCE & GEF.D.F.) (Mrs. & Hogan) C Cycar 7-8-1 . A Whelen (3)	100
391		SCHOOL ROCK J. (CD.F) ID Smith J Bridger 5-7-10 R Bushed (7)	91

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# 3.50 TRIPLEPRINT CELEBRATION MILE (Group II: £37,475: 1m) (4 runners)

401	(4)	6-21133	POLAR PRINCE 41 (C.F.C) (Mrs. C Simmerson) M. Junes 4-8-1 H. Cochron	12
402	(2)		AMONS MEN 24 (D.F.S) (M. Tator & Mrs. J. Magnes) M. Stoute 3-8-9 M. J. Kimani	
403	(3)	1-30212	CAPE CROSS 10 (BF,CD,F) (Sheath Mohammored) J Gorden 3-R-9 L Destor	1 1
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50 (5) 2630543 STATAJACK 10 (B.CD.F.G.S) (Mrs M. Stade) D Elevanth 9-9-9 K Fallos L	72
503 (1) 213-430 THATCHMASTER 47 (CD.F.G) (Mr. 8 Semmer) C Hopper 6-8-8 D O'Donnince (3)	12
504 (4) DEND411 WENTEREDGE LAD 7 (V.D.F.G.S) LI Pugh) A Brilley 7-9-8 . C Lowdier (5)	58
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505 (6) 4000305 TART 10 (V,G) (Wroughton House Partnership) J Painte 4-8-13 G Bardwall	69
507 (2) 520451 LAGUNA BAY 17 (0.F) (Town & Country Tyres) A James 3-8-11 S Drowne	71
508 (10) 50000 SALTANDO SS (V.F) (Mrs. S Herridge) Pat Milchell 6-8-11 Denn O'North	60
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511 (9) 5400542 HARLEOUN WALK 14 (0,6) (Airs R Deorgachum) H O'Sulimin 6-7-10 J Claim 512 (1) 0-80008 CHALLENGER 8 (Nas E Section ), Willia 4-7-10	54
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108	(9)	046580	SUPERIOR FORCE 70 (F) (Copylaret Ltd) Mrs. B Sardes 4-10-3	P Paints	62
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2	(2)	D DOEROW'S MESTRAL 23 (Land Lloyd-Ylebbar) H Cacil B-11 K Fallon B	J
3	(4)	STAR OF THE COURSE (M Arbib) P Cole 6-11	٠
4	(1)	YANOMAMI (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-11 Dane O'Nelli	•
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# 2.00 Bernstra Swing. 2.35 Alean. 3.10 Jawhari. 3.40 Darapour. 4.10 Hujoom. 4.40 Sycamore Boy.

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2.35 CONSTANT SECURITY HANDICAP

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1 (1) T006: PATSY GRIMES 8 (0,F,6,S) J S Moore 7-11-7
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12 (11) 6010 ANDTHER MICHTHARE 14 (D.F.G.S) F McKeller 5-9-2 9-2 Mousticle, 5-1 Maribu Man, 6-1 Sharp Petri, 7-1 Martaga, 10-1 Others.

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1 (12) 0012 ANOTHER TIME 25 (D.F.G.) S Woods 5-9-7 J Rold (
2 (15) 0120 LOMBERTO 43 (D.F.S) V Scare 4-8-19 _ A McSione
3 (6) 1-33 MTRYATI 108 (F) J Dantop 3-8-13
4 (11) 1065 KING OF TUNES 23 (C.D) 14 Haynes 5-8-12 (A Dwyter (3)
5 (13) 1F04 WAFR 20 (0.6.5) P Caber 5-8-11 R Day
6 (4) 0586 SECRET ALY 13 (D.F.S) C Britain 7-8-10 M Finance
7 (A) 0-50 TIME FOR ACTION 122 M Tomples 5-8-10 W O'Commer
8 (7) 2000 MERSEY BEAT 24 (D) G L Moore 3-8-9 A Clark [
9 (5) 3128 TRACEABLITY 9 (CD.F.S) S C Wiffman 48-8 J Tale
HD (14) 1403 ORSAY 14 (D.G.S) W Mar 5-8-8 R Marten (5)
11 (1) 652 SEVER GROOM 14 (D.F.S) if Medium 174-7 S Studens
12 (2) 1401 HAJR 14 (CD.F.S) E Dissists 3-8-7 M Hills: 12 (10) 0-03 DIMENUTINE 13 (D.F) J. Hills 4-8-7 M Heavy (3)
14 (3) 2-10 LABEQ 22 (F) P Waterpa 3-8-5 6 1 find
15 (16) 010 DARAPOUR 30 (SF.D.F) L Comm 3-8-4 R Fittenth (3)
16 (5) 1000 GET TOKER 8 (N.F) D Chappel 3-8-3 6 Carter
5-4 Short Homen, 6-7 Ing. 7-1 Appther Time, 8-1 Orsay, 10-1 King Of Text
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4.10 TOTE MULTIBET NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-D; £14,265; 6f) (12)

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4.40 equity financial collections made stakes (£4,056; 1m) (10)

(9) 60 MAX'S MASIC 12 C L Moue 4-9-3 M Wighten (8) CLESTA REY J Has 3-9-11 M HB: C2 PLATING CLARRES J Factorer 3-8-11 N Day (4) 00 HAMISSBULL HENRY 14 Mrs A Perrett 3-8-11 MACAREO I Gosten 3-9-11 Grie famout

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5-5 SYCAMORE 807 19 Leef Hastington 3-8-11 J Reid

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O40 SHARDATAN 116 R Antestrong 3-8-5 G Canter (84)

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPRS: 3 Todier, 4 womers from 16 namers, 25 0%; 64cs J Ranschen, 6 from 33, 18.2%, P Walvyn, 4 from 22, 18.2%, R Armstrong, 19 from 61, 15.6%, E Darson, 6 from 37, 16.2%, G JOCKEYS: C Hoodson, 4 wieners from 24 rides, 16.7%, S Sanders, 7 from 42, 18.7%, R 1984, 20 from 129, 15.5%, J Reld, 17 from 120, 14.2%; R Pirench, 3 from 26, 10.7%, Only qualifiers.

11-4 Staringal, 7-2 Macanto, 6-1 Spearage Boy, 7-1 Roycle Bock, 18-1 others

BLINKERED FRIST TIME: Boverley, 2.20 Scent Cl. Success. 5.00 Airborne Harts, Goodwood: 3.15 Double Bounce, Just Lou, 4.20 Tari Market Rasen: 7.55 Port Vateriski. Newmarket; 2.35 Rase in Strine, 3.40 Galt Tolen, Redicar: 6.05 Spenish Verdict, 7.05 Madisci in Welcome, Windson: 5.20 Clear View, Rosewood Lady, Spping Soda, Weytogomo, 5.45 Blue Shadow

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THUNDERER 2.20 Royal Bounty. 2.50 Nomax Lad. 3.25 Euro Sceptic, 4.00 Indimaaj, 4.30 Cross The Border, 5.00 Fartields Prince.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM Draw: 5f, high numbers best

# 2.20 ST JOHN AMBULANCE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £3.600 7/ 100yd) (8 runners)

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11		JUBRAN 49 (F.G) J Fyre 11-8-12 R Winston (7) 7
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12		HORNAX LAD 11 (B.D.F.G) M Mesot 9-8-12 R Herén (3) 15
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		EDEN DANCER 61 (F,C) Mrs M Rendey 5-8-10 A Culture 9
		SUSHI BAR 9 (RF.F.S.) Nos. N. Reveloy 6-8-10 K. Darley 8
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# 3.25 BRIAN MERRINGTON MEMORIAL

<b>HANDICAP</b> (£4,890. 7f 100yd) (17)
1 3002 ALLINSON'S MATE 14 (B.D.F.G.S) I Barron 9-9-10 R Lappin 9
2 2014 RASS ALHAWA 5 (D.F.G) D Crepmen 4-9-6 A Cultrare 4
3 0015 KING ATHELSTAN 14 (D.F.) B Michigan 9-9-5 S Pageson (7) 5
4 0253 NEGHT OF GLASS 25 (V.F) J Eyrc 49-3 M Gallagher 1
5 4442 MYTTONS MISTAKE B (C.D.F) A Badey 4-9-2 P Roberts (5) 13
6 0332 NEEDLE MATCH 8 J J O New 4-9-1 L Carion 12
7 1250 AL REET 8 (D.S) 5 Bouring 6-8-13 5 Webster 11
8 4031 SURF GTY 19 (D.G) W Hargh 4-8-11 Date Gibson 15
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10 6400 SOUPERFICIAL 3 (V.D.F.S) N Todder 6-8-9 Xinn Tinider 6
11 2014 EURO SCEPTIC 10 (B.CO.F) T Easterby 5-8-8 R Wilciston (7) 10
12 4540 THATCHED 8 (20.5,6) R Ban 7-8-7 K Seed (5) 7
13 2042 KATIE KOMATTE 10 (V) J H Wilson 4-8-2 K Daday 15
14 0000 ROYAL SOUTH 29 (\$) P feliger 4-8-2 J Fowle (7) 3
15 SOUR REBHARDT 5 (BF,C.P. D Hisholis 4-8-0 A Michalis (7) 2
16 0-00 AXEMAN 67 (F) M Water 5-7-13 A Daty (5) 14
17 5006 HEATHYARDS LADY \$3 (D.F) A Hollarshead 6-7-10 L Chambock 17
5-1 Needle Match, 5-1 Neghi Of Stazz, 7-1 Euro Scepec B-1 Neytons, Mustale, 10-
3 Atlanson's Male, Sort Calv. Wigston, 12-1 others.

# 4.00 MACING CHANNEL MAIDEN STAKES

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5 ALBERICH 10 M Johnston 9-0	. Ü Hostand L Chamock P Bioonsield
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8 NALIAR 28 P Watern 9-8 RISHT CROSS JONNY P Crappio-Ham 8-0 TREASURE CHEST W Hom 9-0	fil Havien (3) T Sprake
naza, 3-1 Rigid Cross Jonny, 5-1 Na <sub>li</sub> ja, 7-1 Hombre, 8- sich, 20-1 Hobert Junchon, 33-1 Coest Meti	I Trousur Ches

# 4.30 SNOWY GRAY MEMORIAL HANDICAP

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4		MATERIA 28 (B.O.S.S) S FORTING 4-9-4 .	G Teamer (3) 1			
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18	4003	SOAKED 5 (B) D Chapman 4-7-10	J McAutey (7)			
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1 DSG6 WHITLEY GRANGE BUY 136 J Ewg 4-10-0 S Buckley
2 506- SMOKE N'JO 364 M W Easterby 3-9-5 P Bradley
3 -000 ASRBORNE HARRES 7 (V) A Balley 4-9-5 I Hudson (5)
4 3456 RECCARTON 15 P Calma 4-9-4
5 3000 WAGGA MOON 14 J J O'Hell 3-9-3 5 CRev (5)
6 4230 POKER PRINCESS 36 M Bell 3-9-2 . D Young (5)
7 AGES FARFIELDS PRINCE 10 (BF) () Nicholis 5-9-1 A Nicholis
9 2440 SLAI FAIRY 12 / Glove 3-8-4 T Pengketego (5)
10 GOZG JURIOR BEN 9 M Source by 5-8-4 N Pollard
11 3000 YUPPY GIRL 10 J H Wilson 4-8-2 . Angela Hartley
12 O-SO RIVERSIDE GIRL 19 J 5 Moore 3-8-1 P Cleary (5)
13 00-0 PROTARAS BAY 12 P Galligan 3-8-0 . P Clarke
14 S654 GROVETAIR LAD 7 (V) M Wate 3-7-10 . January Benson
15 0066 MUSUD 13 (V) G Oldroya 5-7-10 . R Cody-Soutcher
16 4560 SBLENT SYSTEM 46 (B) D Chapman 4-7-10 J McAulen
17 DOOG BATRIEPID FORT 22 (V) B Naturaly 8-7 10 . C Cogar
18 4060 PETULA BOY 8 (B) S Bourney 3-7-10 _ F Boyle
11-2 Farfields Prince 7-1 Riccarlon, Sun Farry, 8-1 Poler Princess, 10-1 Wag
Moon Reporting Gut 17-1 Whatley Streets from 14-1 returns

### COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Wahn, 4 Wasers here 13 rurners, 30.8%, M Wane 5 term 18, 27 th. M Self. 9 hom 33, 27 3%; P Chapple-Hyam, 4 from 17 23.5%. D Morbe, 10 from 49, 20.4%, JOCKEYS: R Dafer, 61 elimens from 260 rates 23.5%. M Fenton 15 from 71, 21,1%; D Holland, 10 from 61 16.4%; J Carroll 17 from 109 15.6%. T Sprake, 3 from 22, 13.6%, T Lucas, 5 from 40, 12.5%;

# Spin bowler's triumphant day unlikely to change Atherton's mind

# Tufnell makes Australia struggle

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE OVAL (second day of five): England, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 14 runs ahead of Australia

ENGLAND'S long-suffering public, struck dumb by the speed and severity of Ashes surrender, found its voice yesterday and acclaimed a rediscovered hero. The roars of applause for Phil Tufnell had barely died away, however, when another exhibition of shell-shocked batting re-Stored the mood of misery

Tufnell, playing his first home Test match for more than three years, bowled unchanged for 35 overs on a dry, flaking pitch to take seven for 64. In a turbulent England career, littered with incident and disappointment, he has never bowled better. Australia's lead was restricted to 38 and, briefly, the horrors of the opening day were forgotten as the Oval crowd anticipated a startling victory

They should have known better. England lost three wickets while still in debit, among them Michael Atherton for his seventh singlefigure score of the series. His technique is disorientated and his mind must be in turmoil. This match may be lost some time today: if and when it is Atherton will surely call a halt to his vain, valiant struggle with the captaincy of a losing

Atherton is a strong and obstinate character but no man can indefinitely shoulder such a burden. England have no obvious successor but if the job is now lowering his quality of life, not to mention the quality of his batting, his basic honesty will persuade him to

Much of yesterday's cricket will have cheered him but. sense, his mind was already made up. The likelihood is that he will resign with dignity and, private man that he is, leave of absence from county cricket for a few days of rest and reflection.

He should know, at least, that there was nothing more he could have done to improve England's predicament here, unless it was to score a lot more runs. Some of England's cricket has been appalling but,

manfully. When the seamers were profligate, he took them off; when Tuinell began to mesmerise, he supported him with positive, imaginative fields. This, demonstrably, was not Australia's day and for much of it they were toiling to gain any sort of first-innings

Drizzle interrupted play twice in the opening hour and Australia, pinned down by Tuinell and an improved Maicolm, had added only 17 from Il overs when they lost their third wicket. It was a classic



Stewart, having retrieved the ball from between his thighs, awaits Tufnell's thanks for dismissing Healy. Photograph: Dave Thomson

left-arm spinner's dismissal, a ball bowled from round the wicket turning and bouncing. Mark Waugh could only glove it to silly point and retreat with an aggregate for the series of

Tumeil, in his thirteenth over, now boasted figures of three for II. Already, it was a triumphant comeback, one guaranteed to send him to the Caribbean in January, Better was to come, though only after Blewett and Steve Waugh had added 44, a considerable partnership by the parlous standards of this match.

in the fifth over of the afternoon, Caddick intruded on Tuinell's private party. If his leg-before verdict against Waugh owed a little to generosity - the ball had a good chance of missing leg stump it was no more than he deserved for a probing, persevering spell.

Tutnell quickly struck again, a curious dismissal but a vital one. Blewett, whose 45 remains the highest score of the game, connected with the back of the bat as he swept and Stewart took an acrobatic leg-side catch. Healy, normally perpetual motion, was now

becalmed and, after making only two in 50 minutes. he seemed almost grateful to leave the stage.

The third umpire reprieved him when Stewart claimed a stumping but, later in the same Tumell over, he was once more beaten by turn and Stewart caught the edge. a shade unconventionally, between his legs. Tufnell was now rampant, especially with a left-hander to bowl at. Shaun

ENGLAND: First Immgs 180 (G D McGrath 7 for 76).

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debut to relish but the ball that dismissed him for nought. leaping out of the rough, was

If Shane Warne is ultimately the key figure of this game. it will not entirely be for his bowling. He now wielded the long handle to considerable effect, driving Tufnell straight for six in making a rapid 30. He should have been caught by Martin, who embarrass-ingly misjudged a skier at deep mid-wicket, but the

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

Total (79.5 overs, 327mm) 218 PALL OF WICKETS, 1-49 (Taylor 35), 2-54

eighth-wicket stand of 41 has assumed immense relevance. Caddick had to be recalled Warne and Kasprowicz with consecutive

balls but, fittingly, Tufnell finished the job. It was an appropriate ball, too, turning venomously to take the edge of Ponting's bat after a lengthy and vigilant 40.

Only the other day, Tufnell scarcity of receptive pitches he

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summer. Certainly, he has had nothing to match this one but, while he exploited it to the full, its nature was entirely against England's preference. They, after all, had Warne to

ironically. however. Warne's entrance to the attack was delayed by two early successes, for Kasprowicz. In his fourth over, he had Atherton thick-edging to gully as he drove with the face of the bar too open. In his next, Stewart was leg-before for the second time in the match. Between them. England's two senior Datismen have roracied 323 runs in the series at a combined average of just 23, a figure that goes some way to explaining their chronic

Mark Waugh, summoned to sustain play in grim light, took his first wicket of the series as Butcher missed a full toss but Hussain, grimly, and Thorpe, aggressively, prevented further loss. Warne has yet to strike, a situation that may not prevail too long into today. England need a cushion of 200 to have a realistic chance. It is hard to say where such runs

# Wicketkeepers know there is no place to hide

Simon Barnes says Stewart's willingness to fulfil a dual role has been his undoing

port can make you a here. Sport can make you a duffer too, of course. But that is not the worst of it. Sport, more than any form of public life, and perhaps cricket more than any other sport can turn a decent person into a national laugh-ing stock. Adam Hollioake ldering arms to be clean bowled on Thursday, Nasser Hussain trying to play Shane Warne; and Alec Stewart keeping wicket for England yesterday.

His presence of mind in amming thigh against thigh resulted in what must be the cricketing summer. The ball, bowled by the mesmeric Phil Tufpell, flew off the edge of the bat. Alas, poor Alec - his ntlets were not even withn easy commuting distance of

But his mighty thighs did the job. The ball performed a perfect cannon shot, as in fashion of a "Carry On" film, and before you could say "Ooh, Matron," Stewart runmaged between his two aforementioned mighty

thighs, and pro-duced, for all to This Little Jack lit Stewart's face with a most permixing of feelings. The man vhose mother in-

law drove his Porsche over a cliff can only tle within poor Alec, as loy fought for mastery over the

The trouble with being a keeper a fraction off your game is that you still have to face every ball bowled. You can't go away to a place where the heat is off, like a butterfingered slipper. You can't go to long leg for a graze, like a bowler whose rhythm is awry. You can't burk at the nonstriker's end, like a batsman beaten three times, in the previous over. You just have. to squat down and take it. Or : try to. And that is the horror joy, or wicketike Believe me, I have earned the right to speak with feeling on the subject.

Coming into a Test match.

unsure of yourself — not that Stewart had ever in recorded history admitted to such a state—the last thing a heeper needs is to spend the entire day keeping to a spinner who is doing a bit. Tufnell was doing a lot. There is a story of David Bairstow brandishing his gruntiers at Derek Underwood. You try and hit these, Deadly! Because they sin't moving anywhere."
To add to Stewart's embarrassment, his victim, to use the term loosely, in the thighnestling incident, was lan Healy, who has had a blinding series, his batting has fed on the confidence of his stupendous performances beam an wdrey kent

hind the stumps.

Healy is certainly the best in the world right now. One being among the best ever. Certainly few things were more lovely than his stump-ing of Butcher off Bevan's full

A keeper on the top of his game is a fearful thing. The more certain he is of his handling, the louder he gets. A batsman knows he will not get away with a thing, a bleak and terrible feeling. Healy is so loud and so confident that you can see him smile before he catches an edge. In mid-Deadly indeed.

And Alec had missed stumping Healy a couple of balls earlier. Always especialmiss stumping a stumper. Then the punchline, and the

You can't I have been ungo away to kind. Stewart is a somewhere willing one. He where the can keep wicket too better standheat is off

> forever turning them round the post for bye

Talking of willing cricketers, what about Jack Russell? A better stemper than Stewart, especially standing up, and a terrific batsman, especially when England are up against it. He would have had picked for this series.

As it was. Stewart has taken the gloves, and done his best. He has done his best with the ... him to be a far better batsman when he does not keep wicket. ancis sociationing other areas have persuaded the selectors to discard the best attacking batsman they have - Stewart as pure batsman - and the best stumper

It is the role of life that winning cricketers - perhaps whining anythings — tend to get dumped on from a dizzy height Call in the Randall Syndrome, Stewart's willing ness has been his undoing. A good player, always, even in his embarrassment. But he might just have been a very good batsman indeed. We

# Major conflict is purely academic

in any argument, but when it comes to a row about sport or politics, then the person who seeks to introduce a fact is nothing less than the subject of a Bateman cartoon. The latest sporting row is also the latest political row: the British Academy of Sport the proposed Lottery-funded multimillion-quid salvation of British sport, initially annonneed that it would exclude such minority interest team sports as cricket, rugby union and football. This even awoke John Major from his self-imposed post-election silence and had him howling about "political spite".

Fact: all the country's national sporting bodies were asked for their thoughts on a sporting academy last year. Fact: the Test and County Cricket Board, as it then was. responded that "cricket requires its own customized facility to promote technical development at the highest level ... ideally, these should be independent of other sports". In other words, an academy is a good idea. but we don't want it unless we can have it all to ourselves.

Fact the Rugby Football Union was even more negative. It said that it "is strongly opposed to the creation of more national training facilities over and above those already provided throughout England". Fact: there is a row because the Government is trying to do exactly what these two sporting bodies

### Hair today ...

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Baggio: a nation mourns.

### SIMON BARNES



On Saturday

nicknamed il codino divino. "the divine pony-tail", has cut the damn thing off, It now lies in a drawer at his home. We are talking about a new epoch." La Repubblica, the Italian newspaper, said.

"We are not talking about something done out of necessity, as in the cases of Andre Agassi or Gianluca Vialli, who shaved their heads before anyone noticed they were going hald. This is something much bigger than when Ruud Gullit thinned out his dreadlocks ... the pony-tail became a part of literature." Baggio said: "I was tired of having long hair." He grew the pony-tail seven years ago, when he became a Buddhist.

☐ More on footballing affectations: Luis Oliveira, that rare thing, a Brazilian footballer with two names (born in Brazil, but in fact a Belgium international) and a striker with Fiorentina. Yes, Roberto Baggio, foot-baller of Italy and Bologna. already dripping with jewel-lery — necklace, bracelet,

# Smoking drive

This column is always eager to bring you news of the latest equipment for the golfer, so I am proud to tell you about the Tee-Gar, a device for holding your cigar while you are playing your shot. It was invented by John Phota-kis, of Worcester, Massachusetts, and he has sold half a million of them at \$2.95 a go. Photakis kept hearing complaints from golfers who put their cigars on the ground and then became concerned about the chemicals they picked up while lying there.

# Numbers game

How good a cricket captain is Michael Atherton? Or to put it another way, how bad? Here are some figures that mean - well, like most figures, just about anything you want. They are the records of Test match captains who have presided over

more than 15 defeats.

Note that Atherton has the second highest wins total. and the second lowest number of defeats. His win/loss difference of minus five is also second best. All the same, it is time to get your Atherton oblituary sharpened up and ready for use.

#### Heavenly course Darren Beadman is one of the top jockeys in Australia.



He has won two Melbourne Cups and has been champion jockey twice. His income has been estimated at A\$1 million a year. Now he is giving it all up to become a pastor at the Christian Life Centre. "Racing is so time-consuming I couldn't do bible college at the same time," he said. "God said to me to get my priorities

"I knew God was prepar ing me for something, and then He said: I want you to serve me now. He knows me. He knows that I like to give things 100 per cent. To stay in racing would have been a compromise. I couldn't give Him all my heart and soul."

# Worthy support

Here is a story for anybody interested in women's chests. Bruce Mason, of the Australian Institute of Sport, has been looking into the matter of breast pain during exercise. "This is a difficult subject to raise," he said. "Almost taboo. But the fact is

pain is an indication of trauma." Up to 56 per cent of women who exercise suffer breast pain and an average breast he said, bounces eight centimetres when its owner runs bra-less. This is reduced by 38.5 per cent with an ordinary bra. 42.5 per cent by an elastic crop top and by 55 per cent by a sports bra.

### P. G.'s tip-top

One of the better cricket rows this season concerned Mari-borough College, who, in their match against Radley College, refused to declare and batted on until just before 6pm, leaving Radley 18 overs to score 170. Mariborough had been irritated by the sledging of the Radley players. All sporting fixtures between the two schools have been suspended. As it happens, an almost identical situation is portrayed in a cricket story by P. G. Wodehouse, which has just been collected in what trust be the cricket book of the season, Wodehouse at the Wicket, edited by my old friend. Murray Hedgeock.

Hedgeock's long introduction includes Wadehouse's own record as a cricketer ~ he was a presty good quick bowler - and the record of the county player. Percy Jeeves. Among the treasures included, probably the best is "Reginald's Record Knock". "Reginald Humby was one of those men who go in just above the byes, and are to tired bowlers what the dew is to parched earth at the close of an August afternoon. The Nicolas Feuillatte Shane Warne Fizzometer at present stands at 22.

# Flintoff steps into breach to stem Zimbabwe avalanche

BY JOHN STERN

of Douglas Marillier, who

having resumed on 107, took his score to 150 before being

caught at slip by Zac Morris

NORTHAMPTON (second. the cover boundary off the bat day of four): England Under-19, with all first-innings wick-ets in hand, are 430 runs behind Zimbabwe Under-19

ATTHE very least, Zimbabwe Under-19 have proved to themselves and their opponents that they can no longer be taken lightly. However, if they are actually to win this second NatWest international and level the series, they will have to bowl considerably better than they did yesterday

After declaring at 539 for five at five o'clock, having made the England bowlers look distinctly ordinary on this belter of a pitch, Zimbabwe's own attack then served up an nticing diet of long-hops and full tosses. Robert Key and Stephen Peters, the England opening batsmen, took only 16 overs to progress to 109 without loss before drizzle forced the players off.

Ryan Sidebottom's first ball of the day had disappeared to

ZIMBABWE UNDER-19: Fluit inning 

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-297, 2-328, 3-846, 4-435, 5-436 ENGLAND UNDER-19: First Irrange

S D Peters not out Total (no ved) 108
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# Unprest H D Best and H T Pleas. Lara ready to return

WARWICKSHIRE are confident that Brian Lara will be back at Edghasion next

The record-breaking West Indies batsman played for the county in 1994 when he helped them to wan the county impionship, the Benson and Hedges Cup and the

Sunday league. Warwickshire officials are keen to complete the arrange-ments for Lara's return as soon as possible. Stewart Dalrymple, the commercial direc-

tor, said: "We are 99 per cent confident of getting Brian for

We are just waiting on the West Indies Cricket Board. We have talked to Brian and his agent and we are happy that we have reached an agreement with them.

But what we need is prope commitment from the West Indies Cricket Board about when he is actually going to be available because their scason ends just as ours is off Andrew Flintoff's medium pace just before lunch. Flintoff, the England cap-

tain, used to be a genuine allrounder but a back injury has theoretically terminated his bowling aspirations. How-ever, much of England's bowling in the morning session was so lamentable that Flimoff found himself unable to resist the temptation to enter the attack. He allowed himself only three overs but he took Marilher's wicket and did not concede a run in the DIOCESS.

Neil Martin, of Middlesex, had a terrible time, unable to find rhythm or direction. As a result, his 17 overs cost 76 runs. Flintoff apart, the only England bowler to find anything approaching an acceptable line or length was Giles Haywood, from Sussex, whose main role in this game was to bat at No 3.

His outswingers, although looking gentle enough, provided the Zimbabwean batsmen with some of their more difficult moments, and he had Mark Vernmeien leg-before shuffling across his stumps in the first over after lunch.

Vermuelen had made an excellent 134 from 292 balls with 27 fours, his century arriving with one of three fours he took from the fouratenth over of the day, bowled by Jonathan Powell, the Essex

off spinner. The pace of the innings slowed for a while but Mluleki Nkala, ló, picked it up again with an unbeaten century that took Zimbabwe beyond their desired target of 500. He also took a strine to Powell, pulling him for two sixes.

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# re is Ealham and hide Cowdrey Cowdrey keep Kent in hunt

BY IVO TENNANT

TAUNTON (third day of overnight reached the first of four): Somerset, with nine what should be many halfsecond-innings wickets in centuries for his county, but hand, are 23 runs behind.

FOR a side intent on winning the Britannic Assurance championship, Kent have not come up with the requisite number of runs from their upper order this season. Yes-terday, though, Graham Cowdrey made his first century of the summer, mostly batting with Mark Eatham, who struck 105. They put on 183 in 50 overs, bringing about a first-innings lead before taking one Somerset wicket before the close.

ft was, too, a parmership between a Kemish Man and a Man of Kent, this in a largely home grown side. In a season in which he has been ham-pered by injury and the dis-traction of taking a benefit (which is going markedly well) Cowdrey has had his excuses. for not making as many runs as he would have liked, although he would not think in. those terms. He played and missed a good deal at the start of his innings, which was never other than thoroughly

Eatham, by contrast, is in some form. This was his third championship century of the wickets. season, reached with a chumped six over mid-wicker off Herzberg, a one-time comty colleague. He did not look responsibility of having to as if he could read Mushtaq bowl, would have been a Ahmed, just as evidently he found Shane Warne hard to pick this summer in the cauldron of Test cricket. But then who does not?

It is extomatic that this was an invaluable parmership for Kent, who were looking to return to the top of the championship table. When Eatham came in they were struggling somewhat at 121 for four. Smith, unbeaten with 45



shortly afterwards was caught off bat and pad off Mushtaq. He had struck nine fours.

There was still some life in the pitch, but the extent to which Ecclestone, the Somerset acting captain, was handi-capped by his attack can be gauged from the analyses of his two opening bowlers. Van Troost and Shine had 19 overs between them, did not manage a maiden and conceded 120 runs. Even then, Herzberg was not brought on until the last over before lunch, a stereotyped act of captaincy. So Mushtaq was over-bowled, although that would not have been for the first time.

He eventually broke the significant partnership, but Kent were looking to gain a first-innings lead by then. Cowdrey, who drove to mid-off, struck 12 fours and faced, in reaching his century, 185-balls. His previous highest score of the season was 53 in Rent's victory over Essex in Canterbury week, so this was as important to him as it was to his side. He and Ealham, whose century was achieved in marginally better time, with 13 fours and that six, ran exceptionally well between the

Few were as quick on a cricket field as Alan Ealham, but his son, who has the added match for him now. After he was out, misjudging one from Herzberg which turned and hit his off stump, Fleming came in and struck a halfcentury in his characteristically ebullient way. He chose to walk when he was caught at the wicket down the leg side. The ampire Alaz Whitehead, did not give him out.

Herzberg took a third wick-

et through bowling Phillips, Je Carrie in and made his first notable contribution to the match, striking four fours. When Strang was held off a skier to cover, Kent had gained a lead of 74. In the 16 overs that remained, they removed Turner, a century-maker in the first innings, caught at the wicket playing defensively at

Phillips.

McCague did not take the field after his immings. He has a back problem, even though he bowled only 13 balls on Wednesday before he was removed from the attack. It. will be looked at today.



Foster, who excelled with bat and ball for Durham, drives another four on his way to 70 not out yesterday

# Middlesex keep Nash in reserve

By Alastair Storie

CHESTER-LE-STREET (third day of four): Durham, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 120 runs ahead of Middlesex

.DURHAM, who have managed one draw and four defeats in first-class cricket against Middlesex, yesterday reversed the roles and had the visitors fighting to stave off the follow-on.

At 133 for seven and still requiring 61, Middlesex's fears were allayed by David Nash, 19, the reserve wicketkeeper, who in his first championship innings scored a compact 94 from 180 balls, and Richard Johnson, who made 39. Nash hit nine fours and a bizarre six, which combined a run single and five penalty runs for the ball striking Speight's abandoned

Durham fell seven short of their first haul of maximum batting points since June last year, and in doing so lost the services of their most influential bowler, Simon Brown, who bruised his left hand fending off a steepling bali from Johnson. The loss was significant since Durham's other three seam bowlers. well as they performed, could not sustain the pressure throughout the day.

ove on return.

Apart from Gatting, who received a perfect leg-cutter from Betts, the Middlesex batsmen were to a man

complicit in their own downfall. The pitch displayed some uneven bounce and required someone with technical proficiency to become entrenched.

Pooley, however, padded up to the first ball of the innings and Shah drove a loosener from Foster to midoff. Foster, who had earlier finished on 70 with the bat. then tempted Kallis into a forcing shot and Brown into the hook. Weekes did little to ease the ensuing crisis by dragging a ball from Walker on to his stumps while driving

expansively.

Nash, though, played with composure beyond his years and combined linear defence with well-timed, wristy leg-side strokes. He made his debut at Fenner's earlier this year and with his combined abilities he will be a real asset to his club in the future.

Thoughts of a century on his championship debut grew as Fraser lent stout defiance and encouragement for the last wicket. With a declaration imminent, however, he chanced his arm once too often and provided Boiling with his third wicket.

Middlesex must win this match to sustain any champ-ionship challenge, but this appears to be likely only if Durham approach their second innings today with that same attitude and permit them a run chase in the

# Robinson back to his cautious best

By RICHARD HOBSON

WORKSOP (third day of four): Essex, with nine second-Innines wickers in hand, are 99 runs ahead of Nottingham-

NOT since his days as a callow youth attempting to catch the eye of Clive Rice has Tim Robinson endured as lean summer as this. That somebody else will finish atop the Nottinghamshire batting averages seems unthinkable and, after 13 successive innings without a 50, it was understandable if his right to a place in the side was under question when he walked out to bat yesterday.

"Crisis? What crisis?," Robinson might well have asked. His response was typical. This is not to say that he fleeced the Essex attack, for his pragmatic method is a triumph of function over flair.

There are times when he might be wearing blinkers rather than a helmet. A paradigm of caution, he simply waited for the balls he wanted to hit, worked them into the areas of his choice and ignored the rest.

The result was his first century of 1997, a chanceless affair, in 275 minutes from 244 balls and with 14 fours. Most of those boundaries were either pulled in textbook manner or steered wide of the fielding cordon on the off side. It was like watching the man who scored a brace of Test

hundreds against Australia in 1985, the last time England won the Ashes at home.

He has developed a particular fondness for the Essex attack and could not have wished for a flatter pitch on which to recover his form, After Napier had removed Dowman leg-before on the back foot with the eighth ball of his debut. Robinson put on 193 in 59 overs with Nathan Astle, who eventually fell for the second time this season on

It was not quite the hare and the tortoise, though from an entertainment viewpoint one would not wish for a Robinson at each end. Astle timed the ball as

sweetly as anybody hitherto and raised his century by pulling Such for six to add to his lo fours. He batted for 169 minutes before he drove Cowan weakly towards cover. where Danny Law held the chance at the second attempt. Johnson embellished the innings with 41 from 40 balls and declared 89 runs in ar-

rears of 351 for three when he holed to Grayson after Nottinghamshire had secured a fourth batting point. Such a gesture suggests that he feels the surface will not crumble and assist the spinners, as is the norm here. If Prichard, his Essex coun-

terpart, agrees, he will face a stiff fourth-innings target this

# Illingworth leads the way with another century

By JACK BAILEY

EDGBASTON (third day of four): Warwickshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 188 runs behind Worcestershire

RICHARD ILLINGWORTH duly scored the 24 runs he needed to complete the fourth century of his career - his third as nightwatchman and Graeme Hick. who is more used to this kind of thing, made one too. Together, they added 239 for the third Worcestershire wicket, having set out on their long journey late on Wednesday evening with their team's score standing at nine for two and the Warwickshire bowlers rampant.

Two days later Warwickshire were looking at a deficit of 196 and wore the jaded look of a side who knew their chances of victory had receded almost beyond recall. Tom Moody and Steven Rhodes had insured that the good work of Hick and Illingworth was not wasted. Moody had just become Worcestershire's third and fastest century-maker and Warwickshire had

been batted out of the game. Missed chances had cost Warwickshire dear on Thursday and continued to haunt them yesterday. Only six overs had been bowled when lllingworth, having added five to his overnight 76, was put down by Welch at second slip off Brown. Slowly, if unsurely, Illingworth plodded on.

He spent seven overs on 99. but reached his century before Hick reached his. When taken behind the wicket, he had batted for six hours and 20

Hick lingered even longer for his 122. His fifth century of the season contained his thousandth run and it was the 95th century of his career. He had been subdued, watchful and, as later seen on TV, lucky to get away with a disputed catch on Thursday: but his had been an invaluable innings, taking the heart out of Warwickshire's attack.

Hick reached his century in the grand manner with a long, straight six, his bat held aioft in acknowledgement be fore the ball sailed over the boundary. Moody was magnificent -

to start with at any rate. He

was soon taking four successive fours off Bell's medium-paced seamers. Nor, some three hours later, did he hang around in the nervous 90s. He went from 90 to 100 with a four and a six off successive balls. It was his first championship century of the season and, with the pitch showing signs of wear and tear, it could not have come at a better time for Worcestershire's championship hopes.

# Yorkshire delayed as former players entertain

By DEREK HODGSON

SCARBOROUGH (third day of four): Yorkshire (22pts) heat Sussex (4) by nine wickers

SUSSEX. 41 for six overnight and still 84 behind, at least died in a shoot-out, like Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, played on this occasion by Paul Jarvis and Mark Robinson, in an impossible position when rain arrived on Thursday afternoon, they attacked on a fine clear morning, forcing Yorkshire to bat again, needing 13, and claiming Anthony McGrath's wicket to force the contest into the afternoon.

A good Yorkshire crowd admission was free - luved it all. This was a plot with the right ending, a comprehensive win, with the odd twist and turn involving two former Tykes, Jarvis and Robinson. both of whom were applauded to and from the wicket as if they were still wearing the white rose. In all this the rest of the Sussex team were no more than spear-carriers.

Jarvis laid about him for eight fours in his fourth halfcentury of the season. Justin Bates proving an able parmer. the pair adding 33 in eight overs before Paul Hutchison. who was presented with his second Xi cap on the field, performed his now familiar trick of persuading the batsman to play for outswing at a ball that straightened. Jarvis added another 23 with Amer Khan, lashing into Chris Silverwood, before Craig White took two wickets in three overs to, seemingly. wrap it up.

But there was still Robinson, who rallied Alex Edwards into believing that respect could still be won, the final pair adding another 27. McGrath's fall, driving at Edwards, meant that Yorkshire had to lunch on the brink. These points do take them to fourth place and, had they beaten Hampshire, as they should have in the previous match, they would now be strong contenders.

They do play two of the challengers. Worcestershire and Kent, on the unpredictable Headingley square and are away to dangerous strugglers, Lancashire and Derby shire. If they can win at Old Trafford in their next match and if Darren Gough, still under treatment on his left knee, returns to form and fitness, listen for the distant drums.

Sussex are clearly in the throes of deep self-analysis and must have noted Michael Bevan's reported remark vesterday that he would "play for anybody next year but Yorkshire". If he does return to another county next summer. their match against Yorkshire should be worth watching.

# Wagar's ambitions gathering pace

of four): Northamptonshire, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 122 nurs ahead of Glamorgan

WHEN the Principality calls on sporting saviours it expects them to provide. Viv Richards gave Glamorgan a trophy and was suitably relieved - he went down on his knee in the Canterbury pavilion when they won the Axa Equity & Law League four years ago and Wagar Younis knows that anything less than the championship this year means that he will have failed in his mission.

He indicated as much yesterday with one of his best spells — if not the best — of the season at a crucial stage of a match vital to his team's hopes. On a pitch as ilat, lifeless and dry as those in his native Pakistan, he howled wonderfully to break the back of the Northamptonshire second innings after Matthew Maynard, his captain, put the ball back into his opponents court by declaring 24 runs ahead.

Maynard was probably thinking more in terms of leaving open the possibility of a run-chase today than dismissing Northamptonshire cheaply, but that changed as Waqar and Watkin, refreshed by a 90-minute alternoon break for rain, reduced them to bl for five. Wagar, operating to a searching off-stump line and swinging the ball away late claimed three wickets in the space of eight balls. His movement meant that

there was little that Warren

and Bailey, his first two vic-minutes, he contributed 58.

ABERGAVENNY (third day times, could do to save themselves. Warren was caught by Maynard diving to his right at second slip, Bailey caught at the wicket to his sixth ball. The downfall of Curran, the firstinnings century-maker, was less excusable. He fell into a carefully laid trap by carving his fifth ball into the hands of Bailey's wicket gave Waqar

his fiftieth first-class victim of the season, a landmark he achieved in each of his three summers with Surrey. Waqar's quixotic form has been a disappointment to some when he arrived the talk was more of him topping 100 wickers than 50 - but this was fine bowling in unpromising. circumstances. Either side of Wagar's

burst, Watkin removed Roberts and Fordham via miscued pulls. Fordham's dismissal completed by a fine, low catch by Evans, but as Glamorgan strove for a sixth wicket their fielding let them down and with Sales and Ripley determined to hit their way out of trouble and surviving more through luck than good judgment. Northamptonshire's lead took on challenging

proportions. Glamorgan will not want to chase more than 250 today, especially as Maynard left the field late in the day with a badly dislocated right index finger after missing a sharp chance in the slips. He went to hospital for an X-ray and may be unavailable today. His importance to his side was clear when they batted on in the morning. Of the 122 runs enterprisingly added in 85

# YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Durcham v Middlesex

CHESTER-LE-STREET (trinc) day of four): Durbam, with all second-frontos wickets in Turnol, are 120 runs altrand of Middlesser DLIBHAM: First Imags Total (108.3 overs) ......

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-65, 2-68, 3-131, 4-153, 5-239, 6-260, 7-285, 8-329, 9-339 BOWLING: Fraser 26-7-56-2: Hewitt 16-2 89-0: Kalls 21-6-98-4: Johnson 21,3-4 Second innings Edns (w 4) Total the widi ...

BCM/LING: Fraser 5-2-5-0; Johnson 1-0-4-0; Dutch 3-0-19-0. MEDDLESEX: First landings JC Pooley b Betts
JH Kalis c Boan b Foster
M W Getting b Betts
OA Shah c sub b Foster
HK P Brown c Spelight b Foster
DC Nesh c Lawes b Boding
P N Weekes b Walter
K P Dutch c Morris b Boding
R L Johnson o Weston b Boding
J P Heavit c Speight b Foster
A R C Freser not out Extras (0 4, 10 9, # 6, nb 16) ..... .... Total (81.5 overs) ...... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-18, 3-52, 4-78, 5-94, 6-101, 7-133, 8-211, 9-228.

BOWLING: Bens 21-10-51-2; Fosler 19-4-58-4; Walter 18-6-48-1; Bolling 21.5-3-72-3; Boon 2-0-9-0. Bonus portis: Durtiern 7 Middlesex 6. Umpres: B Dudieston and M J Kitchen Glamorgan V

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K M Currar c James b Wager 22

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Total (5 widts) 146 Second innings Total (5 wids) .... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-31, 3-33, 4-35, 5-67. BOWLING: Water Younts 17-4-31-3; Water 15-3-36-2; Orol: 13-4-30-0; Thomas 4-0-24-0; Coster 8-3-23-0.

CLAMORGAN: First Innings S P James run out
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S D Thomas e Balley b Davice
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Extras (6 1, fb 13, w 2) Total (6 wkts dec. 89.2 overs) ..... †A D Shew, Wager Younis, 8 L Watton and D A Contar did not bot. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-84, 2-200, 3-232, 4-246, 5-332, 6-354 BOMLING: Mohammad Aleam 12-1-57-0; Teytor 13-1-49-0; Curran 9-4-17-0; Davies 29-5-108-2; Brown 24-3-90-1; Builey 2.2-0-18-2.

Bonus parits: Glemorgian & Northamptonshire 5. Umpires: G I Burgess and A Clarkson

Leicestershire v Derbyshire LEICESTER (third day of four). Leices stive, with eight second-limings wichol hand, are 349 ruos sheed of Derbyshin LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 486 (V Walls 190, G J Parsone 69 not out, J Whateker 61; P A J DeFretas 5 for 120). Second Invenor

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-153, 2-171. BCWLING: Cork 6-0-14-0; Hams 6-0-44-0; DeFreites 16-1-69-1; Blockwell 6-0-57-0; Clarke 8-1-33-1; May 1-0-12-0. DERBYSHIRE First hinings

Extres (6 8, ib 7, w 16, nb 6) ..... Total (2 wids dec, 79 overs) ...... 1 Blackwell, V P.Clarke, tk. M.Krikken, \*P.A.J DeFreits, D. G. Cork, A. J. Hents and P. Aldred ald not bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-50.

BOWLING: Milins 11-1-64-1; Ormand 17-0-110-1; Persons 14-2-53-0; Pierson 17-0-52-0; Wells 12-4-18-0; Maddy 4-0-17-0; Habib 4-0-37-0. Bonus points: Leicesterehire 4 Derbyshire 8 Umpires, J.H. Hampshire and G. Sharp

Nottinghamshire v Essex WORKSOP (third day of four): Essex, with nine second-innings widels in hend, are 99 nuns ahead of Notlinghamshire ESSEX: First limings 440 for 7 dec (S.G.Law 115, D.R.Law 59). Second Innings P J Prichard not out ...... D D J Robinson c Johnson b Otam ..... M C tlott not out ...... Extras (fo 1, w 2) .....

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FALL OF WICKET 12

N J Apple c D R Law b Cowan ... "P Johnson c Grayson b Such .. Extras (b 4, lb 12, w 14, rtb 10) .100 ..41 ...40 Total (3 wids dec. 99.3 overs) ...

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SOMERSET: First finnings 375 (Fi J Turner 144, S C Ecclestone 123, B J Phillips 5 to 70). Second Immgs †R J Turner a Marsh b Philips P C L Holloway not out ..... \*S C Ecclesione not out .....

Total (1 wkt) FALL OF WICKET, 1-18. BOMLING. Philips 4-0-12-1 Eathern 4-0-17-0, Strang 4-0-14-0, Fleming 3-2-4-0: Ward 1-0-4-0. KENT: First innings NEW T: First landings
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7 R Ward b Flose
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Total (108.1 overs) ...... FALL OF WICKETS, 1-65, 2-77, 3-79, 4-121, 5-306, 6-344, 7-375, 8-425, 9-427 BOWLING: Stane 12-0-70-0: Van Troost 7-0-50-0; Rose 22-5-60-3; Mushlaq Ahmed 37 1-13-114-4; Herzberg 22-1-100-3, Burns

Bonus points. Somerset 8 Kent & Umpres: R A White and A G T Whitchead.

Warwickshire v Worcestershire

EDGBASTON (third day of four) Warwick-stare, with name second-immigs wickets in hand, are 188 runs behind Werosslarshire WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 252 (M M Second Innings 

BOWLING: Illingworth 2-0-6-0; Moody 1-0-WORCESTERSHIRE: First finings 

Total (1 wkt) .

FALL OF WICKET 1-2.

tS J Finades low b Brosen . S R Cempit b Brown . A Shenyar low b Gilos . M M Mirza not out Extras (b 2. lb 10, w 5. nb 2)

Score at 120 overs: 339-6 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-9, 3-248, 4-257, 5-296, 6-300, 7-383, B-405, 9-414 BOWLING Welch 34 1-9-96-2; Brown 38-7-118-5; Glass 38-10-77-3; Bell 27-4-101-0 5mm 11-2-44-0 Bonus ponts. Wagwickshire 4 Worcestershire 7

Umpags: J.C. Balderstone and B.J. Meyer Yorkshire v Sussex SCARSOROUGH (three day of four) York-shire (22pts) best Sussess (4) by nine wickels

SUSSEX: Pirst fantings 157 (M Newell 62 not out, N R Taylor 57, P M Hutchison 5 for 48, C E W Silverwood 4 for 27) 48, C E W Shranwood a for 27)
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N R Taylor b Salvenwood
M Nawell run out
Y Name to White b Salvenwood
TP Moores low b Salvenwood
TP W Janns low b White
J J Belins low b White
J Relins low b White
M A Robinson b Salvenwood
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Edres (Ib 10) 137 FALL OF WICKETS 1-5 2-27 3-27, 4-33, 5-33, 6-40, 7-74, 8-97 9-110 BOWLING: Sivenwood 12.4-2-59-5: Hurch-son 13-1-44-2: Hamilton 2-1-2-0; White 9-1-18-2: Stemp 4-1-4-0

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 282 (D S Lehmann 67; M A Robinson 4 to 61, P W A McGrath c Moores b Edwards M P Vaughen not out \*D Byas hot out. Total (1 wid) ...

FALL OF WICKET 1-2 BOWLING Edwards 4-2-6-1, khan 3-3-2-7-0 Umpires, J.D. Bond and D.R. Shephord

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Finel day of three: Hove: Durbarn 243 and 213 (M A Roceberry 28 not out N C Philips 7-65) Susser 451 and 8-0 Susser wan by ten wickets. Bristolt Esser 201 and 204 (A J E

Sussex 45) and 3-0 Susser van by ten seckets. Binstot Esser 201 and 204 (A JE Hibbert 88 not out J M M Avens 5-73)-cliaucesteishire 293 and 113-6 (D R Hewson 62 not out) Gloucesteishire win by four wickets. Derby: Somerser 177 and 281-9 dec IC M Wels 67 not out, K J Dean 5-53); Derbysture 321-8 dec Malch drawn Old Trafford: Lancashire 271 and 23-0 dec, Hampehire 18-1 dec and 130 Lencashire win by 146 runs. Trent Bindger Nottinghamshire 389, and 187-5 (N A Gis 58, G F Archer 59); Kent 258-1 dec and 281-7 (J B Hookley 69, W J House 69), Malch drawn Campbell Park, Millon Keynes: Northamptonshire 331-9 dec and 241-2 dnc (R B Montgomene 121), Vorkshire 255 and 254-5 (N G Russell 70, M J Wood 60), Malch drawn. Walmfey. Lecesteishire 305 and 184 (D A Aftre 4-52, M D Edmond 4-50), Watnickshire 350 and 143-5 (D P Ostler 74 not out. S Kirby 4-41). Wannickshire win by line wickels.

# Barnett feasts on friendly bowling

BY PAT GIBSON

LEICESTER (third day of eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 349 runs ahead

of Derhyshire

IF Kim Barnett was looking to make a point, he could not have done it more forcibly. The captain has walked out, the chairman has resigned, but Barnett, whose disgust at the way the whole affair has been handled is at the heart of the Derbyshire conflict, has not yet taken his bat home. He proved that yesterday by

scoring a century before lunch and going on to share an unbroken partnership of 316, a record for Derbyshire's third wicket, with Adrian Rollins before Phillip DeFreitas, the acting captain, threw down the gauntlet to Leicestershire by declaring 120 runs behind. Leicestershire promptly

took up the challenge. Vince Wells and Darren Maddy putting on 153 for the first wicket to set up a last-day run chase on a pitch so flat that only three batsmen managed to get themselves out on it

yesterday. It was the only way these sides, champions and runners-up respectively last season, were going to get a result in these conditions, such has been the ineptitude of their bowlers. They will protest that their task was wellnigh impossible but cricketers who are paid to bowl should at least be able to adhere to a decent line and length. The only batsman to miss out in the first two sessions was Adams, who made a complete hash of an attempted pull against Ormand, whereupon Barnett

went in to demonstrate that true professionals do not look

gift-horses in the mouth. He is 37 now and in his nineteenth season of county cricket but a liberal supply of long hops and half-volleys took years off him as he fairly galloped to 50 off 34 balls with ten almost disdainful fours. He deliberately uppercut Ormand for six to third man and was well on his way to one of the fastest hundreds of the summer when a back spasm

Even with a runner, he still completed his hundred off 114 balls. It was his third century before lunch and also the third time that a Derbyshire batsman had achieved the feat this season. Rollins did it against Glamorgan, at Chesterfield. and Adams against Durham, at Chester-le-Street.

Rollins was content to play second fiddle until lunch but he came into his own afterwards, accelerating to his third century of the season off 159 balls with two sixes and 12

fours. By then, the Leicestershire bowlers were simply going through the morions. Wells had shown them how it should be done by sending down 12 overs for 18 and Pierson bowled his off breaks tidily. but the rest were cannonfodder as Rollins moved on to 17i and Barnett (47 before the declaration came at 36h for

Not that the Derbyshire bowling was any better. Wells added 93 off 84 balls to his first-innings 190, with three sixes and 12 fours, and Maddy helped himself to 66 as Leicestershire cruised to 229 for two.

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BLACKBURN ROVERS

LIVERPOOL Today, 3.0



**Oliver Holt** The season is old for both these clubs, of course, but Paul Ince. the new Liver-

pool captain. may go into this afternoon's reunion with his former boss at Internazionale, the Blackburn manager, Roy Hodgson, with a tinge of regret after the clubs' respective starts to the season. Liverpool, of whom so much is

expected this season, have gathered just one point from their opening two games and lost at home to Leicester City ten days ago, while Blackburn supporters are during to hope that the glory days may not have vanished with Kenny Dalglish after their victories over Sheffield Wednesday and Aston Villa left them top of the first Premiership table of the season

Liverpool's problems have hardly been helped by Barcelona's cruel flirtation with Steve McManaman, who will make his first appearance in front of his team's supporters since news of what was supposed to be his impending transfer broke last week. Quite what sort of reception they give him is open to question, although a good performance from the man who has come to be regarded as their best

player will do much to dissipate any lingering resentment

Roy Evans hoped to give both Ovvind Leonhardsen and Robbie Fowler their first starts of the season today but the Norwegian suffered a hamstring problem in training on Thursday and will not play and Fowler is doubtful after tweaking his damaged knee. Liverpool may switch to 4-4-2 and play Dominic Matteo at left back.

Blackburn, newly shorn of Graeme Le Saux and Henning Berg, have no such problems. Confidence is running high at Ewood Park and Hodgson, who spoke this week of how he helped ince to deal with the negative sides of playing in Italy and opined that the player would still be at Inter if Hodgson himself had stayed, is likely to stick with the side that has brought him maximum points so far.

Chris Sutton, a man branded "the striker the Premiership forgot" by one newspaper last week, will be keen to keep his new-found momentum going after his hat-trick against Villa and Martin Dahlin, the Swede bought from AS Roma for £2.5 million, may have to be content with a place on the bench for the third match in succession.

"There is a great feeling at the club again." Sutton said yester-"We went through some tough times last season but now, even though we have only played two games, everybody is keen to keep the momentum going."

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): J Flan — F Valery, S. Honchoz, C. Hendry, J. Nenne, — S. Ripley, W. McKunlay, G. Filteroft, J. Wilcox, — C. Sustan, K. Gallacher LWERPOOL (4-4-2): D Jernes — R Jones, M Wright, P Babb, D Mettes — 8 McMenemen, P Ince, M Thomes, S I Bjornebye — M Owen, K Riedle

TELEVISION: Today: Match of the Day, BBC1 10.50pm, extended

PREDICTION: Score draw.



"It's a situation made for Wrighty"... not perhaps Peter Schmeichel's thoughts after the notorious confrontation at Highbury

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WRIGHTS AND WRONGS

11 favourite Ian Wright moments, chosen by Tony Writs, Editor of One Nil Down, Two One Up, the Arsanal farizine 1. Southampton v Arsenel, September 1991 Wrighty marks las league debut with a hat-trick. "What a waste of money." chorus the

Ansensi v Everton, December 1991
Four assists from Limper, four goals for Whight Everton sunk.

 Arsanal v Southempton, May 1992
Final day of the season, and of the North Bank. Wrighty beats Lineker to the Golden Boot with a second-half hal-Inck. Gary Who? 4. Arazoni v Shelfield Wadnesday, May

1-0 to the Amenal — Smith and Wright combine to give Assanal the lead in the FA Cup Final replay. S. Tottenham Hotspur v Amenal, August

t is 0-0 in the 87th minute at White Hert Lane R is 0-0 in to a vin market at which is the when Wight scores a classic winner.

6. Poland v England, May 1993
Whight sies to save Turnip Taylor and England's World Cup qualifying hopes with a brilliant equaliser, to no a

7. Assenal v Peris Saint-Germein, April 1994. A two-booted tackle on a PSG detender sees him led away in tears, knowing he will mass the Cup Winners' Cup final

8. Amenet v Parms, May 1994
Putting his disappointment at missing the final behind him, Widgley gees up the lans by pareding around the Paylern Stadium in his Amenet botble hat.

Assersal v Crystel Palace, October 1994 Soering above Nigel Martyn and his old club, Wrighty heads a classic goal, his 100th for the

a teat of the wishes of everyone in the country who detests Man Utol, Wrighty delites the bumptious Schmalchel.

11. Maich of the Day studio, Jenuary 1997 Invited Into the Inner sericlers, he observes reverentielly: "This is nny Graceland, Des." Adont it, if he played for your team you'd love

Edited by Richard Whitehead



Richard (obsort Covenity are treating victory and defeat alike. They moan about both. Far from

throwing their caps in the air after the opening-day success against Chelsea, they fired off letters to the local newspaper explaining how the result had been deceptive and predicting the customary struggle for survival. The side was certainly out-

classed in the subsequent defeat by Arsenal, but it is contests against lesser clubs, the "sixpointers", that are more likely to

Thus, the probable loss of



**COVENTRY CITY BOLTON WANDERERS** Today, 3.0

> significant. The Scotland international could miss a game for the first time since his arrival from Leeds United 13 months ago.

The acquisition of Beardsley gives Bolton a gravity hitherto lacking. The argument runs that PREDICTION: Low-scoring McAllister to injury today is a man who has never experienced draw.

a relegation struggle will not risk his reputation by moving to a moubled environment.

Colin Todd, the manager, may play him as an out-an-out striker at the expense of either McGinlay or Blake. Thompson and Pollock are over niggles and the biggest doubt concerns Branagan, the goalkeeper, who pulled out of the treland squad in midweek because of an elbow problem.

COVENTRY CRY (probable: 3-5-2). S Ogradeic — P Williams, R Shaw, D Burrows — G Breen, T E Softwedt, K Richardson, P Teller, J Salado — D Dublin, D Nuckerby BOLTON WANDERERS (probable, 4-4-2) K Brangen — N Cox, G Bergsson, G Taggad, R Erlot — J Polick, P Tendian, A Thompson S Setars — P Beardniey, N Blake

TELEVISION: Today: Match of



Coca-Cola Cup-winners. Uefa Cup contes tants, coleaders

the FA Carling Premiership .. when will it all end for Martin O'Neill and his plucky bunch of Filbert Street scrappers? O'Neill is still pinching himself and almost daily adds another superlative to his vast repertoire, yet there are few signs of the Leicester City success story having run its

LEICESTER CITY

MANCHESTER UNITED

Today, 3.0

Today does not come much bigger, with the sell-out visit of Alex Ferguson and his Manchester United masters, and O'Neill will be looking for a repeat of the minor heroics that has seen his side win their opening two matches, "What a fantastic start," he said. "We beat Aston Villa, really causing an upset and deservedly so, and then went to Anfield and beat Liverpool. That was

simply sensational." Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, was complimentary about the victors. That was nice to know, really nice," O'Neill said. "We've gone there, beaten the potential champions and now take on United. I'm really looking forward to it. I really am.

too. Ferguson will resist major team surgery. Henning Berg could make his first United start in place of Ronny Johnsen, who has thigh and hamstring problems, while Jordi Cruyff's place up front is in jeoparcy as Andy Cole and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer near fitness again.

Eric Camona the 5750,000 he claims he is owed. On yer bicyclette, Eric.

MANCHESTER UNITED (potable, 44.5) P. Schmechel — D. Inwa, H. Goog, G. Patitier P. Neude — P. Scholer, N. Butt, R. Acone, R Gryss — E Shoongham, J Cruys

TELEVISION: Today: Match of the Day, goal highlights

PREDICTION: Unbelievable, amazing, sensational, magnifi-cent win for O'Nesi.

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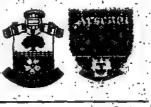


Ian Wright's idea of heaven. he said as he began to focus on a place in Arsenal folkfore, was to set

Keith Pile

the club's goalscoring record, jump on his Harley Davidson and ride off into the Highbury sunset. Southampton supporters can probably hear the throttle

being opened already. There is no more likely a venue than The Dell for Wright to make history. Since scoring a hat-trick on his debut there in September 1991, he has plundered il goals in eight games against Southampton, including three hat-tricks, and there is no doubt that he is in the mood to extend that run.



SOUTHAMPTON ARSENAL Today, 3.0

Talk of the record, Wright says, has been "getting on my nerves a bit. The only way to stop it is to get it over with. But even then, the Premiership will not be able. BD LENSY' AT SOCIALS I COMIC

confined to the reserves, but David Jones's Southampton, pointiess and goalless after two games, have the greater prob-lems, with Dryden and Le Tissier injured. Van Gobbel sold and Magilton, the captain, seemingly on the verge of a move to Celtic The combative Benali has been detailed to mark Wright - watch out for fireworks.

Adams and Dixon are still

TELEVISION: Today: Match of 200 goals this season," Wright PREDICTION: Points shared, added.

striker, back again after injury;

he survived a reserve match in

Wanchope, the loose-limbed

Costa Rica international forward,

is still recovering from an opera-



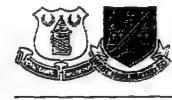
Maddock The cynic might ask already about this game, what is the point? It hardly grips the

imagination and neither side is likely to win unything this season. Harry Redknapp at least un-

David

covered two truffles among the muck in his crazed transfer activity last season in Hartson and Kitson, and Ferdinand is the genuine article. But the extent of West Ham's ambition is midtable comfort, as injury today to Hartson may prove. On the evidence of their opener

against Crystal Palace, Everton will do well to achieve even that.



EVERTON WEST HAM UNITED Today, 3.0

They desperately need goals and £500,000 will not buy them, as the laughable bid for Dean Saunders

At least they got the best of the mediocrity merry-go-round that sees three players line up against their old club mday. West Ham's

poor last season that he apologised to the Goodison fans and Williamson joins Oster and Farrelly in the uninspiring bracket, but Bilic is different class, as a person and a player. He is intelligent and possesses

newcomer, Unsworth, was so

a sense of humour, as his Nazi salute to German supporters during the European championship er . . . illustrates?

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TELEVISION: Today: Mater of the Day goal highlights.

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Steve Coppell, the Crystai Pal-

Appearently, he really is. With a maximum six points,

United's gossip factory has been running amok this week. with João Pinto, of Benfica, and Georgi Kinkladze, of Manchester City. linked to Old Trafford. Realistically. neither will join, and, sensibly, neither will United pay

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Brilliant insights or hopeless guesses? Check our writers' predictions against their weekend match reports



TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR DERBY COUNTY Today, 3.0

centre back, can use indestructible Mabbutt if they choose, but must hope that Vega, who has given away two embarrassing goals, becomes less accident prone.

goal back and at least showed Derby might just have Sturridge, their dynamic little Spurs have Scales to fill in at



tion, and Baiano, who reluctantly left Fiorentina, has a thigh injury. Derby's other Italian player, Eranio, the experienced right-

midweek.

wing international from AC Miian, will be available to exert his influence. TOTTSNIHAM HOTSPUR (probable: 4-42: 1 Walker — S Carr, R Vega, J Scries, J Edinburgh — A Nelsen, D Howels, A Sinton, D Gnote — S Nersen, L Ferdinard.
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the Day, goal highlights. PREDICTION: 1-1.



Mark Hodkinson

The mood at has lifted dramatically after

performances. Hasselbaink is the new hero and renditions of The Undertones Jimmy, Jimmy have rung out regularly. George Graham, their manager, has offloaded veterans Dorigo and Rush, with Yeboah

two dashing by Leeds United standards, anyway - opening Jimmy Floyd

and Brolin sure to follow. David Hopkin, the former Palace midfield player, was appointed club captain yesterday. Since, as with former captains, Bremner and Strachan, he is red of hair and Scottish, there are hopes that

Nick

ing Shearer and Ferdinand, have

won both their games so far.

against Sheffield Wednesday, in

the FA Carling Premiership, and

Croatia Zagreb, in the European

Cup. whereas Aston Villa's em-

barrassment of forward riches

has yet to gain them a goal or a point from two league matches.

Playing Collymore. Yorke and

Milosevic together has not been a

success for Villa; Milosevic was

withdrawn in a half-time reshuf-

fle against Blackburn Rovers ten

days ago and is unlikely to figure

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Less is more, it

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CRYSTAL PALACE Today, 3.0

a ginger will add spice to an emergent Leeds team for a third time. "David has a lot of everything." Graham gushes. Lucas Radebe, back from captaining South Africa to a place in

the World Cup finals, is expected

to replace Molenaar in defence.

**NEWCASTLE UNITED** 

**ASTON VILLA** 

in the starting line-up today.

Brian Little, the manager, has

spoken of "getting back to ba-

sics", which could mean omitting

new signing Grayson as Staun-

ton returns to the defence, with

The main Newcastle doubt

Mark Bosnich back in goal.

Today, 3.0

ace manager, has just spent £3 million on the defender. Neil Emblen, and the Israel midfield player, Itzhik Zohar. Palace have also been linked with Swansea. City's young defender. Christian Edwards. Dean Gordon faces a fitness test just before kick-off after picking up an injury in training. If he fails, Emblen is expected to be his replacement.

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concerns Asprilla, who has been

revelling in the main striker's

role, he played - and scored -for Colombia against Bolivia on Wednesday and has, in the past, been rested after such a graviling round trip, but will probably keep his understudy - a young lad called Rush - on the bench today, alongside Barton, available after injury, and, if fit,

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TELEVISION: Today: Mater of the Day, extended highlights. PREDICTION: Clase, but Newcastle to keep winning



Whisper it, but the start of the football season was not universally welcomed.

season but they

have lost Campbell, the bulwark

of their defence, with an ankle

injury that could put him out of

Yet, to keep their impatient fans

off their backs, they need urgently

to win today. Though they were

lucky not to slip three goals behind at West Ham, there was

some encouragement from their raily at the end, when they

pumped the ball forward, got a

action for weeks.

There were those who looked at the date, August 9, and bemoaned the invasion of the winter game into the heart of summer. There was an Ashes Test series to be resolved, for Pete's sake, in the middle of a heatwave. Followers of Wimbledon and Sheffield Wednesday will agree with all that.

They have both started the season "slowly" and the non-international fuatus just passed has given them a chance to regroup and put that curious August prologue behind them.



WIMBLEDON SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY Today, 3.0

one in which Wimbledon at least picked up a point against Liverpool before the lights went out on their efforts at Derby County. Wednesday have played two and OST TWO.

Now that the season proper is finally getting under way, things

can only get better for them and the return today of Pembridge and Newsome after injuries will help — Newsome, who dislocated his left ankle during the FA Cup quarter-final defeat by, of all people, Wimbledon, in March although Hirst will be absent, suspended Wimbledon are likely to be unchanged for a match that traditionally is overlooked but produces lots of goals.

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TELEVISION: Today: Match of the Day, goal highlights. PREDICTION: Another pointless

visit for Wednesday.



between Yorkshire grit and the foreign fancy dans of the FA Carling Premiership but when Barnsley take the pitch to seek their first

win at Oakwell in the top flight tomorrow afternoon, they may find that Chelsea have appropriated some of their fighting qualities. Chelsea's defeat at Coventry City a fortnight ago, courtesy of a

trio of defensive errors, was the biggest shock of the opening day of the new season and left Ruud tomorrow. Gullit's team embarrassed and angered by their own failings. The frustration they have



BARNSLEY CHELSEA Ternorrow, 4.0

harboured since, the desire to put it right and state their own championship credentials, may find expression in their football

Barnsley, of course, will be buoyed by their win at Crystal Palace ten days ago and by the

competent start that they have made. Neil Redfeam, their captain, will be aiming for his third goal in successive games. But Chelsea, with Graeme Le Saux more at home in his new

surroundings and a defence chas-

tened enough to provide the

support that Zola, Hughes, Di Matteo and company need. should be too strong for Danny Wilson's team. BARNSLEY (4-4-2): DWatson — A Moses, A de Zerow, M. Argiety, N. Eaden — E. Tirider, N. Radisam, A Bullock, D. Barnerd — P. Wallerson, J. Hendrie,

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on Sky Sports 1, 4.0. PREDICTION: Chelsea to win by two goals.

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# Return to action will help banish memory of the pain in Spain

this column is known as McManaman's World because my little world was briefly turned upside down by the events of the past week. After the near hysteria of the interest in me. I am hoping that things will return closer to normality today, when I finally ger back to playing football. I understand that an England. player being approached by Barce-iona will generate interest, but surely no one could have predicted the pandemonium that ensued when it became apparent that the

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deal had broken down. So much was said and written about me that you would have thought I had been on a date with a princess. Amusingly, I went from being a hugely talented interna-tional, to a greedy so and so, to a useless player who had been found out completely and whose career

T is somehow appropriate that was virtually over by the end of the

I read so many times that I had played badly last year and had been found out by man-to-man marking and had not fulfilled my potential, that I began to suspect that the reporters had got together to scrape an excuse for an idea from the bottom of the barrel.

it's funny how the same guys who can say one week that I'm rubbish and how I have never proved myself on the international stage can next week talk glowingly about me and about my contribution during the European championship: Selective memory,

Of course, all the rubbish generated over the past week is the sort of thing that every player has come to expect these days and you tend to dismiss most of it without too to dismiss those of it without too
much trouble. There genuinely is from their vice-president, which

an attitude among pro footballers that tends to disregard most of what is presented about them in the media, because they find it so detached from reality. But there was one thing which did register with me and, in fact, did surprise me a great deal. It was the persistent suggestion that the deal fell down because I am greedy.

I regard that as an incredibly naive position to take - or an extremely malicious one. The same people that said I was greedy completely, and conveniently, ignored the fact that Barcelona were deep in negotiation with, and ultimately signed, another player on the day that they invited me out for talks. Barcelona had three players on the go and used my presence in Spain to put pressure on the other man to sign. Fact.



plain away to his club's supporters why they had not signed me, I am the villain of the piece. It happened because the people peddling such nonsense are not interested in the

They are quite content to spread what is hurrful rubbish just because it sounds sensational. have laughed it off, but my family all live in Liverpool and if the supporters are fed lies about me, it might rebound on them. Then again, our supporters know all about the lies that certain newspapers peddle and - surprise, surprise - it's the same newspapers again, making up rubbish. When something as hurtful as that is written about you, then you do find it difficult to ignore, but now that I can return to playing football I will quickly forget it. I'm at Liverpool to play football and I sometimes wish that everyone

would remember that. The game this weekend will be an important one for all the usual reasons, but mostly because it allows me to get on with my career.
I'm a footballer, a professional, and I can offer a guarantee to all the supporters at my club that my

mind for the match against Blackburn Rovers will be concentrated solely on my game and none of the other rubbish that has come up in the past week or so.

■ Hodgson's choice TRAVELLING to Blackburn Rovers today. I will get my first sighting of Roy Hodgson in his new role as a manager in England. I have to say, I have great admiration for Roy and all that he has already achieved, and it seems that he will continue his successful career with Blackburn.

I travelled to Milan to stay with Paul Ince during the summer for a short holiday. Paul lived very close to Roy and I met him one day while we were out shopping. He struck me as being a man of great character and impressed me immensely. He has had a fabulous career, but very few people in England knew very much about him because he coached abroad.

But I think that is why he may be a success at Blackburn, because he has a vast wealth of experience on the Continent. These days, in the Premiership, there are as many foreign players in just about all the squads as there are English players and I think knowledge of football in Europe, and beyond, will become a prerequisite for success more and more in the

domestic game. Hodgson showed with Inter-

nazionale that he knows about the game at the very top level and, in his one season there, he was very successful, getting to two finals and third place in the league.

Roy decided that he could do without the political manoeuvrings at the club and came back to England, but Incey tells me that, in Italy, it was thought that he was destined to be one of the great coaches there and I think that Blackburn must be rejoicing that they have got a manager of such high quality.

■ Laughing stock
IT HAS been just another ordinary week at the training ground, with the lads getting together to give some stick to one unfortunate player. Sadly, that player hap-pened to be me after the move to Barcelona fell through. As soon as I entered the doors on Monday, the cry of "Greedy bastard" went up in the dressing-room, and I've been getting the same treatment ever

Whenever I say anything to our goalkeeping coach, Joe Corrigan, he replies: "Si. Senor," and there has been plenty of flamenco dancing around the place. It will be somebody else's turn next week, but I suppose it was fun while it lasted, and at least it gave everyone something to laugh about.

STEVE MCMANAMAN

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# Wanderer in wonder of his world

How Roberto Di Matteo made himself at home in the King's Road with the style only an Italian can fashion

ianfranco Zola to take his leave. He raises his farewell to his teammares and heads towards the double doors. At the rows of trestle tables in the canteen, the voices of the Chelsea footballers rise and fall in animated banter and bouts of exuberant laughter. Still there is no sign of Roberto Di

Soon. Ruud Gullit, the manager, is saying his goodbyes, too, performing an impromphands high in the air, his hips wiggling, the catcalls of the last players who are still eating their lunch in the aftermath of the Wednesday morning training session ring-ing in his ears. The autographhunters are long gone now and outside some apprentices are tearing around with a ball. showing off their fancy skills.

A few minutes later. Di Matteo strolls out of a changing-room into the sunlight. He had been one of the last off the pitch a couple of hours earlier. curling and dipping free kicks over a wall of cardboard cutouts past a helpless Ed de Goey. Now, pushing himself to be fit for the game tomorrow at Barnsley, where Chelsea will try to get their championship challenge off the ground after their woeful start at Coventry City a fortnight ago, he is the last away from the gymnasium, too.

He looks like one of the good guys from an Elmore Leonard novel as he walks, tanned and Miami-cool. The sunglasses casual shirt with an understated floral pattern hangs down over his khaki shorts and he is musing over a letter. More than any of his compatriots that play in the FA Carling Premiership, he is the epitome of Latin chic, as elegant and assured on the pitch as he is off

Things are just about as good as they can get for Di Matten. He is a fixture in Cesare Maldini's Italy team and is still basking in the glory of the 35-yard drive that cannoned into the Middlesbrough net off the crossbor in the first minute of the FA Cup Final last season and set Chelsea on their way to their first leading trophy for 26

fter a year getting used to his new surroundings after his £4.9 million move from last summer, he is revelling in London life, takıng pleasure in observing the minutize of existence in the capital, like the way commuters on the Underground stand on the right if they want to stay still as they travel up the escalators, on the left if they want to hurry.

As someone who spent much of his formative years outside Italy, mainly in his parents' adopted home in German-speaking Switzerland, he lives his life here with an immigrant's eye, stimulated by everything around him. feeding off it and gaining inspiration from it rather than being weighed down by it.

"In London." he said. "I can walk around like everyone else. I am just a man walking around. Even if people recognise me, they say helio and maybe they ask for a signature but you can live your life and do normal things. In Rome. there was no escape. You were a footballer and that was it. They do not look at you as a person. You are not a person there, you are just a player. It was not easy.

"I just like everything about London. We get so much more privacy here for one thing. Perhaps it is because the people are a bit more reserved than in Italy and they are almost afraid to make contact with you. But they are kind. too, when you need help. It is a great city for young people. too. It seems to be a city that lives 24 hours a day. It never

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stops.
-You see many different things, many different cultures, you learn how other



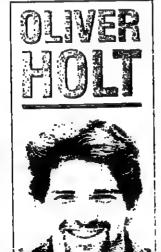
people live. I just like to walk around and observe people, how they move, how they dress, how they speak, just to have more experience of this culture. Sometimes I like to go to nightclubs. Just sometimes. When I go once, that is enough for a long time."

Beneath the chiselled features and the snappy, expensive clothes. Di Matteo. 27, is a gentle, softly-spoken man. someone who has known adversity in life, has battled successfully to triumph over it and is the more serene for the achievement.

It began with racial abuse when he was growing up in Switzerland, the sun of an immigrant worker, an oliveskinned boy in the country near Schaffhausen, and continued as he struggled to get his professional career off the

He played for two seasons at Schaffhausen before injury wrecked his third and in 1991 he moved on to FC Zurich. where he played 34 games and scored six goals. From there, he was transferred to SC Aarau before he got the move he and his parents had wanted, back to Italy with Lazio.

Even there, though, his troubies did not end. He spent three seasons with the Rome club under the austere management of the Czech, Zdenek Zeman, a dour disciplinarian who put the emphasis on staming in training and discouraged Di Matteo from



strengths, his ability to break from midield into

He made his debut for the national side that first season under Arrigo Saochi but fell foul of Zeman soon after when he took a day off training after an international. Zeman made his criticism public and some supporters went to Di Marreo's home and destrayed his entry phone and postbox

Things went from rad to worse and when Di Marieo eventually left for Cheisea. some supporters spat at the tast he was travelling in as it sped away from the office of the Lazio owner. Sergio

Cragnotti, after the deal had

It is ironic then, that things have improved so much for Di Matteo since he left his homeland. The bad times appear to have left him a happily unflappable character who can appreciate when life is sweet, who is not fazed by anything. The thing that touches him

closest, perhaps, is the fact that his sister. Concetta, is blind. Sometimes I feel guilty." he said. "because I have had the fortune to do what I want to do, to earn a lot of money, to be famous and other things that my sister does not have because she is blind and she does not have the fortune. It is hard, because you always have this inside you but I cannot change it, so I go on and my to do my best. Life has

He is the sort of player who deserves the success he is enjoying now, the sort who takes nothing for granted and works for his achievements. He admits he took a gamble when he left Rome for west London, that friends told him he might never be picked for Italy again. But his performances have ensured otherwise and he is almost certain to line up against England in Rome on October II when the two countries meet in the likely showdown for first place in the World Cup European qualifying group two.

If Zola and Vialli, for different reasons, grabbed most of

the headlines last season, Di Matteo was a consistent force of creativity and industry in midfield and finished the season on the highest note possible, breaking from his own half in the FA Cup Final and unleashing that unstoppoble shot to break Middlesbrough's resistance almost before the game had started.

This season, after the arrival of Gustavo Poyet from Real Zaragoza, he is likely to play on the left side of midfield. lighting up games with his darting runs and his quick, incisive through-balls. Despite that opening day defeat at Coventry, he is, typically, optimistic about the season ahead. "We were so disappointed after Coventry," Di Matteo said. "We could not believe it.

ut I think we will finish very high this season. I do not know if we are going to win the championship but we will challenge the top teams. It is not too early for us to do it, even though we have new players. We have a team that can win the League but it depends on many details.

For me, I think and I hope that I can play even better this season than last season. I try to improve every day at football and I think we have better players now. We have a good team and a good spirit here." Off the pitch, when he is not studying the mores of the English, he tries to find time to

indulge his love of the cinema

and cars at quiet restaurants near his Kensington home with a small band of Italian and English friends. He likes his life so much here that he hardly misses Italy.
"It is difficult for me," he said, "because there are so

many things I want to do but I just don't have the time. When you are playing three games a week, it is very hard for the body to recover and you have to rest a lot. I just like to go out to restaurants with my friends to chat. I make sure that I enjoy my life."

Goals such as the one against Middlesbrough help. of course, but he said that has changed nothing save, per-haps, that people recognise him a little quicker in the street. He has learnt not to seek happiness in ephemeral things and his happiness is redoubling. Bob Dylan claimed once that he pitied the poor immigrant. If he had met Roberto Di Marteo, he might never have written the song.

Scottish football adjusts to unexpected delights

# Rest will play when Old Firm is away

By KEVIN McCarra It is part of the comfort-

able thrade against the sport north of the border that there

should always be grumbles

over its predictable nature.

Now, those grouchy voices are stilled, for the blessings

of the unexpected can hardly be asked to take a more

substantial form than the

thrashing of the Tennents

Scottish Cup holders by one

of the humbler members of

the Bell's Scottish League

first division.

AN IMPOSTOR can some times be received with gratitude. The present spell that is attempting to pass itself off as a Scottish football season is a transparent fiction.

The names and addresses of the participants might seem to be in order, but discrepancies are obvious as soon as closer inspection is made. Clubs that are known to be dreary are now conducting themselves in the most flamboyant manner. Normal, tedious service

may eventually be resumed. but the present series of through Scottish football like a refreshing stream in a parched landscape. Kilmarnock can never have anticipated that they would be travelling to Easter Road this afternoon searching for some sort of solace after a 6-2 defeat by Stirling Albion in the Coca-Cola Cup.

While Kilmarnock may be dumbstruck, others in Scottish football are only just starting to find their voices. The idea that the entertainment matters more than the result may seem woefully naive, but that principle received the most robust endorsement on Wednesday. The Hibernian supporters

had seen their team beaten

# Past wins cut no ice with McGhee

intense rivalry among the local populace and nowhere will that be better illustrated than when West Bromwich Albion take on Wolverhampton Wanderers at The Hawthorns in the Nation: wide League first division tomorrow (Russell Kempson writes). The respective supporters share a mutual dislike tribal instincts will be to the fore.

DERBY matches generate

Wolves twice got the better of their Black Country neighbours last season, but Mark McGhee, their manager, does not believe that he 2-0 and 4-2 victories will hold any relevance this time. around. "I don't think there will be goals galore again, but it should be an open game," he said. "They will want to come at us and take

the early initiative and we'll be playing the same "It is always a game to

savour, something to really

look forward to, and it gives the fans a chance, if their team has won, to go into work on Monday morning with their heads held high." West Bromwich have been preparing in a low-key manner. John Trewick, the first-team coach, said: "We haven't even mentioned the fact that we're playing Wolves. Sure, it's a keyspice to it, but we've tried to

play it down. We just want our players to concentrate." Each side is unbesten in three league and cup outings this season, with

iser in injury time and a sloppy winner conceded: soon after. Even the chance of an equaliser was spurned, when Chic Chamley's penalty zoomed over the bar.

The visiting fans might.

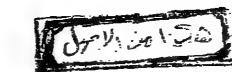
have been expected to be amashing windows and picking fights, but they dealt calmly with the result as they made their way out of Tannadice Even in disappointment, they could not gnore the fine football being played by their team. -

Against United, Hibernian had opened the scoring with a sumptuous goal and such a piece of artifice no: longer comes as a shock. given that the club holds the lead in the premier division. The prominence of the Easter Road side, of course, owes something to the low profile being adopted by the

Celtic, under new manage ment, have rendered themselves unobtrusive by losing and a third defeat, at St Johnstone this afternoon. would constitute the worst beginning to a League season in the club's history. Rangers simply have not been playing. Today, they enter only their second League match, when they face Dundee United at Ibrox. Aithough the Old Firm have been absent, the boisterousness of the past few weeks is not just that of a class whose intimidating teacher has left the room. Clubs, as if tiring of their dour ways, appear to be attempting stylish football. Last Saturday saw Dunfermline Athletic defeat Celtic 2-1 while also missing many chances. On the other side of Scotland, Heart of Midlothian and Aberdeen were concocting a turnultuous march, won 41 by the Edinburgh side. If this season is to be viewed as some form of counterfeit, it is an imitation of far more worth



Di Matteo, left, and Zola. his team-mate and compatriot, celebrate the breathtaking goal that put Chelsea on the way to lifting the FA Cup, their first leading trophy for 26 years



Continuing his series on the Premiership new boys, Mark Hodkinson meets the man who has chronicled Barnsley's fortunes for 37 years

# A fan who really makes headlines

ife on a local newspaper is had originally hoped often fraught. There is into pull on a Barnsley variably a reader at the reception desk grumbling that his daughter has been mistakenly married to the best man, or that the golden wedding couple had their honeymoon in Scarborough, not Cleethorpes. They hate Cleethorpes. It always rains when they go there, the shops are awful; damn it, they had their first row in Cleethorpes.

There are very few free lunches, both metaphorically and literally, for the diligent scribes that amass column inches under the watchful, sensitive eye of their own community. So, when the man from The Times calls at the Barnsley Chronicle promising the won-drous delights of chicken in a basket et al, one might expect a Yes please, make mine a turkey in a hamper" response. Think again, for this is Barnsley, home of the pragmatist. "No, thanks. I always bring sandwiches on Mondays," is the "Made in Barnsley" response from Keith Lodge, the sports

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Lodge has spent 37 years at the Chronicle and has covered Barnsley Football Club throughout this time, from the old fourth division to the FA Carling Premiership, Hartlepool United to Arsenal, Eric to pull on a Barnsley shirt, a goalkeeper's as it happens, but after training with he decided instead to write about it and became a reporter on his home-town

newspaper. Rather like the dub, Lodge has suddenly found himself a conspicuous figure since he is Barnsley FC's most trusted and reliable messenger. He has missed just four matches. home and away, in the past 20 years and his expert know-

ledge is shamelessly mined by his peers in the press box.

The Chronicle is based in a sunny office in Church Street, a pleasant stroll away from the impressive Town Hall. Lodge has not yet had time to eat his sandwiches, but kindly assents to another interview about his beloved Barnsley. He is dressed conservatively - neat shirt, plain tie, pen in pocket. He wears metalrimmed glasses and, appropriately enough, a Michael Parkinson haircut. He is friendly, but wary.

He has not been best-pleased by the way that Barnsley has been portrayed over the past few weeks. His report on their opening game, against West Ham



against West Ham United, was an unequivocal broadside to his colleagues from the national press. He bemoans the carricature of the Barnsley fan "Clogclomping down the cobbled streets", "It's of no relevance, ail that stuff." he said.

of coverage and I think a good has been patron-

Many have pondered on the of Barnsley's success, though few have the benefit of Lodge's antecedence; he remenbers going to watch them when attendances were sometimes below 2,000. "It's down to Danny Wilson [the manager] and the tremendous support he has had from the board." Lodge said. "He has worked his socks off for the club and I think his man-manage-



Lodge has used the Chronicle to defend his beloved Barnsley against patronising coverage from other parts of the media

an informal chap. You can always knock on his dunr."

Lodge has worked long hours filling pages of news of Barnsley's fortunes, helped by his son, Andrew, who is also a sports reporter on the paper, and his sister, Sheila. a part-time employee. The paper

days are haleyon and it sings the town's delight on every page. Amid this rarefied Premiership air, the Chronicle's sub-editors have dreamt some fancifu! dreams. hence bizarre headlines such as, "How Psycho Found God" and "Fancy That: A Turbo-pigeon".

nounced earlier in the summer, Lodge was aware that he would have to miss the game that fell on October 25. As a member of the North Gawber choir, he was due to perform at the Royal Albert

"And guess what? It's only the

Trafford. Lodge laughed. The choir will now be one voice down on the day, it was a game that he could not miss.

There will be other unmissable games, starting with the visit of Chelsea tomorrow. Fancy that: a turbo-powered season.

Gullit fumes

as tasteless

joke hits

Chelsea

share price

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

RUUD GULLIT, the Chelsea

player-manager, was at the

centre of a bizarre and taste-

less scam yesterday that sug-

gested he had died in a car

crash. The "news" was broad-

cast on information screens

throughout the City, which

caused immediate concern

Although Chelsea officials

were quick to scotch the

rumour, shares in Chelsea

Village, the club's holding

company, dropped 50 pence

on the day's trading. Gullit

only knew of the story when

he began to receive a series of

phonecalls in his office at the Chelsea training ground.

a profit out of shares in this

way is completely without

taste." Gullit said, "It means

they don't have any respect for

me, my friends or the fans.

Everyhody was calling me.

trying to find out what had

happened, and the only thing

that had happened was that

joke can be good, and these son of things can happen, but

they showed me no respect.

That's the worst thing. You

chairman, was relieved that

reports of Gullit's death were

premature. He will soon dis-

cuss with him the nature of a

new contract which could

keep him at Stamford Bridge

well into the next millennium.

soon, in the next few weeks." Gulfit said, "I will tell you

what I'm going to do after I've

made my decision. I don't

Sasa Curcie, the Aston Villa

midfield player, believes that

he has played his last game at

Villa Park. He has been

involved in a long-running

dispute with Brian Little, the

Villa manager, that began soon after his £4 million move

from Bolton Wanderers last

summer, and the split now

Wolverhampton Wander-

ers, the Nationwide League

first division club, are

favourites to sign him if they

can agree personal terms. "It's

99 per cent certain that I will

leave Villa to join Wolves."

Curcie said yesterday, "I've no

chance of playing in the Villa

first team at present and that's

down to Little. I'm feel up with

the way he and the Villa direc-

tors have treated me. I've not

been given the chance to

appears permanent.

know when that will be."

"Those talks will be very

Ken Bates the Chelsea

don't do that."

"It wasn't very nice at all. A

my car had been washed.

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# Bastin sets Arsenal goal standard

here are, as we know, lies, damned lies and statistics. We also know that comparisons are odious. In the case of lan Wright. Cliff Bastin, and their goals for Arsenal, they are surely irrelevant. Notionally, Wright needs only a couple of goals to overhaul Bastin's

record of 178. But apart from a couple in that non-event. the FA Charity Shield, all. Bastin's goals came in just two tournaments: the old first division (150 Cup (26). In these two tourns-

ments, Wright so far has scored just 133 goals, 121 of them in the championship. Still far behind Bastin's

In Bastin's day, neither the Football League Cup, in its various guises, nor the European tournament existed. Wright's striking rate is quite exceptional, but where is the valid analogy? (We might even add to Bastin's total the two he scored for Arsenal against Austria at Highbury in

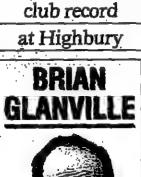
I should declare an interest. As a teenager, I "ghosted" Bastin's autobiography, Cliff Bastin Remembers, which was something of a succes de

scandale, at the time.

It was hardly meant to be. I had intended it very much as a homage, an act of piety, to a great player who, it seemed to me as a ( 17-year-old Arsenal fan and burgeoning journalist, deserved a book as much as such other Titans, such as his team-mate, Eddie Hapgood, Tommy Lawton

and Frank Swift. Having frequently passed the Cliff Bastin café on the North Circular Road, I wrote to him and received an answer, thanking me for "your glowing tribute to my career?. He had, he said, had a proposal for such a book, but the publishers had planned to sell it for a shilling, which

Wright still has some way to go before he passes the real club record





seemed a bit of an insult. So began my Sunday evening visits to his flat above the café, where his wife regaled us with strong tea and thick cheese sandwiches. Saturday mornings were spent looking up what Bastin did not remember in the British Museon Newspaper Library at

His was a stunning career, only to be blighted at the end by the increasing deafness about which he was so sensitive and which would keep him out of the

A Devonian, he was a schoolboy international inside forward, playing for Exeter City at 15. Herbert Chapman, who became his mentor and father figure. persuaded him to join

Arsenal at 17 in 1929, turning him into a left winger, partnered by another newcomer, the legendary Scot-land inside left, Alex

It was in the FA Cup Final of 1930, against Hudders field Town, Chapman's old club, that Bastin took a very quick, controversial free kick and James scored the first Arsenal goal. Six years later, again at Wembley, it was from Bastin's cross that Ted Drake scored the winner against Shef-

In the 1932-33 season one of Arsenal and Bastin's five prewar championship-winning campaigns, be scored an astonishing 33 goals, all from the left

wing. Quiet, introverted and reserved, never immodest. but wholly convinced of his own stature. Bastin's detachment paid off on the field, when nothing seemed

ot even the vioient behaviour of the Italians in the notorious Battle of Highbury in November 1934, when England, fielding seven Arsenal men, were so shamelessly maltreated. Bastin assured me that he had played in rougher games. At 19, he had won every

honour in the game and, 21 times capped, he became an outstanding England player, more often at inside rather than outside

He had skill, he had pace, he had an explosive left foot. Just before the 1934 World Cup finals, Hugo Meisl, the inspiration of the Austria "Wunderteam" said that his tired side had no hope of winning, but, if he could have just one player, win it would. That player? "Bastin," he said. Bastin's arrival at

Highbury was not propitious

At the main entrance, he

was stopped by a commis-

what he wanted. Bastin replied that he wanted to join the other Arsenal players. Well sonny. The man One day, you may be good enough to play for Arsenal." It took some time for Bastin to talk his way

You can't make a dummy out of Hoddle

his future career, relaxed by

supervising the building of a

set of apartments back home

in Oporto. He is also getting

used to fatherhood - his wife.

Maria, having produced a

son. He has been christened.

simply, Ivan Nelson Carval-

ho da Silva Vieira Alves.



said, patting him on the back and edging him away, "you're a bit young at the mo-ment. But never mind!



Wright is dressed to rub shoulders with such revered company as Bastin, left, who scored more league goals for Arsenal

1938-30 to 1938-38 1946-47 League goals: 150 (350 appearances)

FA Cup goals: 26 (41 appearances)

Total: 178 (395 appearances)

Chartty Shield: 2 (4 appearances)

Seasons: 1991-92 to present

League goals: 121 (198 appearances) Football League Cup goals: 28 (26 appearances) FA Cup goals: 12 (15 appearances)

Charity Shield: 1 (1 appearance)

European competitions: 15 (19 appearances)

Total: 177 (261 appearances)

#### GLENN HODDLE, the England coach, may have mellowed a touch since his elevation to the international brotherhood, but few can forget the withering looks that he frequently used, at club level, when faced with what he considered to be a banal or intrusive question. Many an interrogator wilted

under his intense glare. At the Carlsberg Concert, at Wembley Stadium, last weekend, Hoddle agreed to be photographed alongside the wax figures of Rod Stewart and Jon Bon Jovi. As the publicity stunt progressed, though, Siewart's nose dropped off and Bon Jovi's chin sagged. Even though it was more a result of the stifling heat than anything Hoddle had said, embarrassed officials ordered that the pictures should forever be hidden from public view.

### Friends again

Peace has broken out between John Madejski, the Reading chairman, and Clive "The Hound" Baskerville, football correspondent of the Reading Evening Post. Baskerville was banned - lucky man - from Reading's dire 1-0 defeat against Swindon Town last Saturday, for printing the caustic comments of Jimmy Quinn, Reading's former joint player-manager, but a truce has now been reached. No longer in the doghouse, the Hound is back.

### Seedy prize

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Man-of-the-match awardwinners in the Coca-Cola Cup last season were presented

with a mountain bike but, this time around, the oh-solucky star performer receives a full-sized plastic football with red-and-black patches. On pressing one of the panels, a CD player gradually emerges from the innards. It's ghastly, one of the tackiest things I've ever seen," a Nationwide League club official said.

## Homing instinct

Most FA Carling Premiership players spend their summers lazing on the beaches of Mauritius or the Maldives. soaking up the rays and drinking tequila until sunrise. Not so Fernando Nelson. Aston Villa's Portugal defender. Nelson, with one eye on

## Early riser Annual meetings can be

tricky affairs, when Mr Ordinary vents his spleen and the company bigwigs get a grilling. Walsail thus had the right idea when they staged their yearly get-together at 9am. Only nine shareholders turned up. Could the early start also have been related to the fact that the Bescot Stadium's rent has risen from 599,000 a year to \$120,000? Facing the music was Jeff Bonsor, the Walsall chairman , and Bescot landlord.

# Hush funds

Mystery, secrecy and intrigue in north London ... Arsenal supporters wishing to check Wenger's ever-expanding squad will need to look farther afield than the club's handbook. magazine or match programme. Word has come down from on high, from those who must be obeyed at Highbury, that on no account should such sensitive financial details be registered in any official publication. Those who transgress will be punished by a tackle

from that hard but fair

Frenchman, Patrick Vieira.

the transfer fees of Arsene

### **Easy money**

Testimonial matches often rake on a familiar guise veteran player or staff man smalls throughout tame proceedings, referee awards non-

existent penalty near the end. veteran player or stall man scores. A perfect finale. money in the bank and everybody goes home happy. Graham Allner, 14 years with Kidderminster Harriers and the longest-serving manager in the Vauxhali Conference. declined such an active role during his benefit game against Aston Villa at Ageborough. "I want to enjoy the proceeds of my testimonial." he said. "I don't want to use them to bury me."

STRANGE BUT TRUE: After the Labour landslide at the last general election, only six football clubs are in Conservarive constituencies. All are from the Nationwide League Nottingham Forest, Southend United, Barner, Wyc-

ombe Wanderers, Bournemouth and Macelesfield

prove myself. "I'm desperate for firstteam football and, at Wolves, I could prove that I am one of the best midfielders around. Wolves is also near enough to Birmingham for me not to have to move house."

Barnsley have failed in their attempt to sign lain Dowie, the Northern Ireland and West Ham United striker. Dowie has been offered a new contract at Upton Park.

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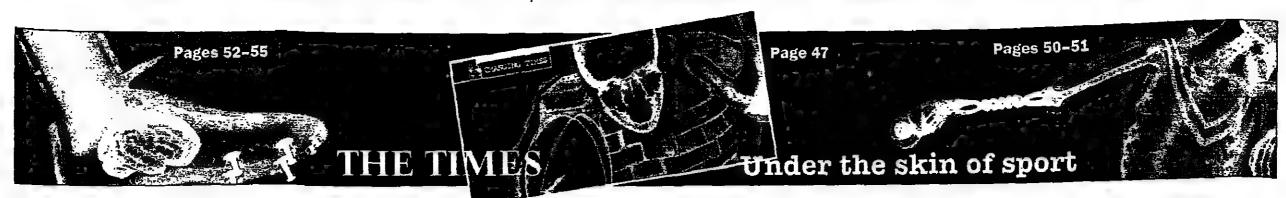
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# Tufnell spins thread of hope for Atherton and England

# HENDERSON



At the Oval

IT WAS late in the season, two late to change the outcome of a series Australia have dominated since losing the first Test in June, but Phil Tufnell, the Middlesex slow left-arm bowler England chose to ignore earlier in the season. enabled his team-mates to recover a measure of selfrespect at the Oval yesterday.

By taking seven wickets for n4, his best performance in Test cricket. "Tuffers" gave the south London crowd something to shout about. They did. heartily, until the roof began to fall in on England's batting for the second successive day the close when they were struggling to carry the match into a third day.

Nabody can point the finger at Tufnell. He has been selected for every Test this summer only to be released on the previous five occasions because the pitches were thought to offer the quicker buwlers more assistance. It has been a difficult time for him, though he has done his hest not to get upset, even as Australia overturned the loss at Edghoston to take an unussgilable 3-1 lead.

Yesterday, he hawled unchanged from the start of play earning considerable purchase from the footholds established by bravlers at the Vauxhail End. Australia, who began the day on 77 for two. were dismissed for 218, giving them a lead of 38. By nightfall, al! had changed again with England three wickets down and only 14 runs ahead when

bud light stopped play. It was in the last session of play on Thursday that Tulnell ionik his first two wickets. Michael Atherton, the England captain, had him on straight away yesterday morning and he finished off the Australia innings half an hourafter tea on a day lengthened by two stoppages for drizzle.

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Blewett, who was top scorer for Australia with 45, perishes in Tufnell's web, caught behind by Stewart in the final Test yesterday

Through his example, he had given England a tochold on the Test, if only their batsmen could play with greater application the second time around. On the evidence they supplied last night before bad light stopped play with the spinners

on, they could not. The crowd sided completely with Tufnell, even though he comes from the other side of the river. It is three years since an English crowd saw him play in Tests, against South Africa ar Headingley, and in the months since then there have been times when he despaired of playing again. Infact, this is only his seventh Test appearance in this counmy. But this was his hour of triumph on a ground that has treated him favourably before, and the old boy relished every

It was six years ago, and to Tufnell it must seem a lifetime. that he bamhoozled six batsmen here on a giddy Saturday afternoon, and led the way to a notable victory against West Indicy to level the series at two apiece. Now he was back bouncing in to how and celebrating every success with joy unconfined. As he led his team-mares up the steps to the dressing-room at the end.

people stand to acclaim the moverick spinner. Tufnell has never charted an untroubled course through cricket, or life. He was expelled from Highgate School. instructed to feut off that pony-tail" when he joined Middlesex, and has been up many an emotional hill and down a few temporamental dales. Middlesex have backed

friends, he has had his mo-

On a particularly fraught tour of Australia two winters. ago, when he was the victim of some outrageous abuse from the crowds, he spent a night in the secure unit of a mental

'This Little Jack Horner dismissal of Healy lit Alec Stewart's face with a perfect mixture of feelings ... joy fought for mastery over the most hideous

embarrassment'

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hospital, and there was serious talk of sendirig him home. Away from the cricket there have been some "domestics". culminating in a visit from his (then) father-in-law, who

brought a brick with him. Through it all. Tufnell never lost his ability, though there were times when he was used as a defensive bowler rather than the attacking spinner he is by instinct. Yesterday, as Australia's batsmen jabbed at him, lunging from the crease he was clearly thrilled by his reversion to the style that suits him best. Once more he was bowling to take the wickets of good players and he got them. It was a day he rediscovered

himself. Until yesterday. Tufnell's best performance in Tests was in Christchurch five years ago when New Zealand collapsed

on the last afternoon, and he took seven for 47. Those remain his best figures but this was certainly a better display of spin bowling, admittedly on a pitch that he would like to carry around with him. Until Shane Warne danced down the pitch and clattered him into the pavilion.

nobody took liberties. Atherton spoke earlier this week of how he had had to tell Tufnell he would not be playhow they had both wanted to laugh at the predictability of it, but managed to put on a sensible face. It would be nice to think Tufnell could now regain his place on a regular basis, and contribute to English victories in the coming years. Do not bet that way. though it will lead to the

ooh-er missus, it's gone round the back of his

So what is this all leading up to? It's obvious. Shane Warne is living proof of an unjust God. That's what the English cricket fans really think - and they've thought it since 1993, when his first ball in an Ashes Test gave Mike Gatting the fright of his life.

Like Mozart in Peter Shaffer's Amadeus, he is God-given genius residing in an oaf. On Thursday, at the Oval, Adam Hollioake just lifted his but out of harm's way and watched Warne's ball crash into his stumps. What made Hollioake lift that bat? Divine intervention, that's what,

o you can understand England's resentment generally. However, there is a deeply stupid aspect to "Fat boy go home" which I've only just realised. You mean, the Australians will leave us next week, and we won't see them here again for four years? Yike, that's awful. Imagine the anticlimax when they've gone, the emptiness, the national chorus of My Baby Has Gawn

Down the Plugole. So who cares that oals work wonders, or that the Australians are shocking toboggan-ists (or whatever it is)? "Fat boy stay here." is what we ought to be saying, if we had any sense. "Fat boy stay here, and hey, we might

# Hill pays high price for wage gamble

FROM MICHAEL CALVIN IN SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS

DAMON HILL endured a painful lesson in the laws of supply and demand at Spa-Francorchamps yesterday af-ternoon when, within an hour of denying he was in danger of pricing himself out of a job in a buyer's market, he lost his most realistic chance of another world championship.

Ron Dennis, managing director of McLaren, brought forward the announcement that he has retained David Coulthard and Mika Hakkinen for 1998 in response to Hill's suggestion, in another hastily prepared statement, that he had rejected his approach because it failed to demonstrate "a serious com-

mitment to me as a driver." in the doublespeak that passes as the language of choice in the Formula One paddock at this time of year, that means that the McLaren offer, of a basic \$2 million (about £1.25 million), topped up with bonuses of \$100,000 for each world championship point, was deemed insufficient for a driver of Hill's perceived

Dennis twisted the knife by suggesting that he had "placed commitment to winning as the principal criterion for the sewords, he believed that Hill had placed cash above championship credibility. It was a devastating rebuke, which placed into doubt the strategy of Hill's career development.

His gamble, in relying on the financial muscle traditionally applied by a champion, began to unravel after he had finished fifth in free practice for the Belgian Grand Prix tomorrow. Although initially non-committal, Hill was eventually goaded into rash self-promotion by suggestions that his rejection of McLaren

smacked of greed.

He justified his negotiating

stance by claiming he had been offered \$20 million to sign a two-year contract with an unnamed team, believed to be Sauber. "It is not right to expect me to roll over with my legs in the air and forgo all the 🖠 things I have worked for in my career," he said. "I would be betraying everything i have done. I am not just delivering for Damon Hill. I am delivering for my fans, the country, the team. But I am not so desperate as to do that for



alacrity the deal that Hill rejected, explaining that "on ionship-winning team next contrast, are likely to be limited. Despite his attraction to Benson and Hedges, the British-based sponsor of Jordan, he will have to drop his wage demands to fit into the team's budget. Alain Prost, whose eponymous team now offers Hill his best chance of a move from TWR Arrows, has a second seat spare but insistyesterday that it will be filled by "someone who is fast

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# Crowd's ignorance proves a fat lot of good

Australians may not be much use on a toboggan but their sledging has frozen England's rabbits

that, when you read an innocent phrase such as "a rabbit on strike", the image of a bunny on a picket line just won't go away. "The Australians are terrible sledgers" will likewise place all soms of skislope catastrophes in your mind, with koalabear pompom hats scattered poi-

enantly in the snow But the worst thing is when someone tries to tell you the difference hetween a flipper, a wrong 'un and (oh. I don't know) a triple dipstick with reverse pinouette, "It's all down to the third

finger," your friend says, cupping an imagi-nary cricket ball behind his back, like a commissionaire expecting a tip. He lifts a shoulder Ouasimodo-fashion and starts to wheel his arm like a windmill, "Arm comes over, see! Third linger snaps forward, see! Topspin, backspin, googly, leg break, sorry. am I getting too technical?"

At which point - as your friend grabs a small rubber cut-toy and unleashes it to veer wildly across the living room, shattering a favourite lampshade - the neophyte just and waggling the bottom in triumph

The trouble with being new to cricket is sighs deeply and collects a dustpan from under the sink. It's not the criminal damage that you mind. It's just always embarrassing when people feel the need to lie. "Look, you don't really understand spin bowling." you want to plead, as you sweep up the bits. "But stop pretending, that's all."

Now, the Australia leg spinner Shane Warne's record and reputation are clearly based on a phenomenal skill yet I honesily believe one of the reasons for the hostile "Fat boy go home" stuff he's experienced in this Test series is that, actually, deep down, no

one's got a clue how he does it and it's their ignorance (rather than plain jealousy) that

makes them sting. This is not to say, of course, that Warne isn't irritating in other ways. He is. The earring doesn't work, the famously espouses a pure pitza diet against all health advice. Plus he really, really enjoys winning. When you are facing a deeply grim Ashes defeat, such tireless, childlike pleasure in jumping up and down, dousing the head in champagne



His skill is so heavily disguised, you see, it's actually invisible.

"Show you again?" he threatens, grinning those eerie white lips. "No. don't!" we reply. Though we watch slow-motion replays with a studious frown, the mystery remains intact.
There goes the ball ... it bounces ... and

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Diana, Dodi, landmines and elephants: Mary Finnegan meets the star attractions of a new \$60 million movie



oud flapping sounds, like the sails of a tacking yacht, signalled the start of the audition. The great powering frame with its massive girth momentarily blocked out the morning sun as Jock, the giant bull elephant, lumbered forward. Ahead, the group of casting directors, watching intently, suddenly

The elephant's eyesight is poor, the rheumy eyes would make nothing of the small group standing apprehensively to one side. A voice called out, "Forward now!" The bull extended his stride and a cloud of red dust exploded from under

ns colossal footpads. From the sideline the voice called out again: "Left, now." and "Go right!"

Uncannily, the enormous beast obeyed every instruction, looking for all the world as if it were picking its way gingerly through a minefield.

This was the most serious part of its test. Jock, who weighs more than two-and-ahalf tonnes, was being put through paces which might win him the star part in a \$60 million film — Mambo.

The film, which is due to be made next spring, starring Gene Hackman and Embeth Davidtz, has already excited worldwide interest because of its subject matter. The combination of elephants, landmines and the emerging nation of Nelson Mandela's South Africa has set Hollywood abuzz with rumours that the playboy film

# Jumbo casting couch

producer Dodi Fayed is interested in backing it. There have been reports that he has been looking for a project close to the heart of Diana, Princess of Wales, and Mambo has all the ingredients to keep the subject of landmines at the forefront of public attention. Tinseltown has even mooted the idea of the Princess becoming a co-producer and, although he plays down the notion, the writer and producer Gordon Thomas welcomes the publicity she has brought for the film.

"When Mr Fayed arrived in Los Angeles after the holiday with Diana in St Topez, I received 22 phone calls from journalists all around the world asking me if Diana was involved in the production. Her support would be welcome. However, I would not expect to

see her on the set." The movie will go ahead with or without the royal connection, which is why Thomas was in Zimbabwe this week to audition elephants from two herds: one at Victoria Falls and another on a farm near Harare:

Rory Hensman, the elephant trainer, who has spent his life working with the animals, dispels the myth that only Indian elephants can be trained. His success with Jock.



Gordon Thomas, the producer of Mambo, welcomes the publicity the Princess has given to landmines

an African bull, proves otherwise. "Good man," said Hensman, giving Jock an affec-tionate pat. The elephant curled his trunk around the trainer and nudged him in an obvious show of affection.

Hensman believes that elephants are far more intelligent than dogs and horses. Why? "Because they figure out what

to do in response to what the voice commands rather than the Paylov conditioning of other trained animals."

Apart from training elephants for people to ride on, he teaches them to "play" football and polo, to huri objects and even to "talk" - he will say "Talk to me, Jock" and a series grunts ensue. In other

words, he has taught them to do all the things elephants otherwise do only in a Disney cartoon.

Hurling boulders is a crucial skill for the part of Mambo. The elephant needs to be able to pick up rocks with its trunk and hurl them at the mines to

The story of Mambo brings

togther the old ways of Africa represented by the Gene Hackman character. Tom, a game warden at a national park, with the new Africa as seen through the eyes of his daughter, Beth, played by Embeth Davidtz of Schindler's List fame. The daughter returns home from Harvard University with an advanced degree in zoology and immediately finds herself at odds with her father over the government programme for elephants, which involves controlling the numbers by culling old and infirm beasts which destroy vegetation and become a burden on the environment.

s game warden at a national park, Beth's father must oversee and defend the programme. But Beth's childhood friend. Mambo, falls into this category and he and his family are due to be culled.

Beth, emotionally involved with the elephant and convinced by her studies that Mambo possesses useful skills, determines to save him. She is placed in grave danger by a poacher who is intent on killing the bull, and the drama evolves around father and daughter resolving their personal conflict and together setting out to capture the poacher and lead

Mambo and his family to safety outside the country. It's a "feel-good" buddy movie, which should do for elephants what Stephen Spielberg did for dinosaurs in Jurassic Park. Jeff Daila Betta, one of the film's producers and a veteran of allaction movies, calls Mambo "Free Willy With Tusks".

It's certainly politically correct enough for any royal association. All those involved with the elephants at the Elephant Camp near Victoria Fails are adamant that they will not allow their charges to be used in any way that would demean

them or "de-elephantise them". Hensman's bulls, if they get through the audition, will be expected to cross a mocked-up minefield littered with realistic effects, to use their trunks to battle with crocodiles (clockwork-driven and costing £3,000 apiece), and their massive frames to dig out the human stars of the movie from under film-set landslides.

One of the main concerns of co-producer Gordon Thomas was the safety of the elephants and, of course, the cast and production team. With him was a crew from The Discovery Channel, who were shooting an episode for the animal series Wild On Set. Both he and the Discovery team are well aware of public concern for animals used in movies.

Despite the evident skill of the massive bull Jock in picking its way delicately through the

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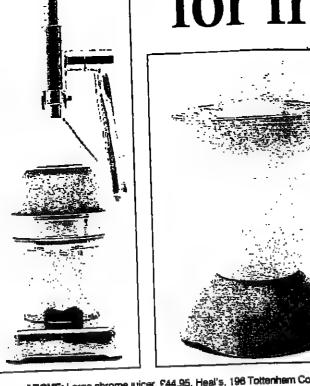
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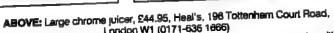
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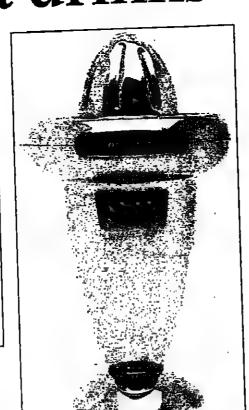
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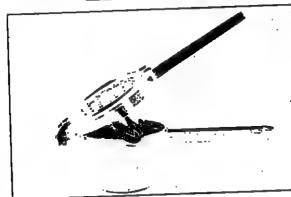
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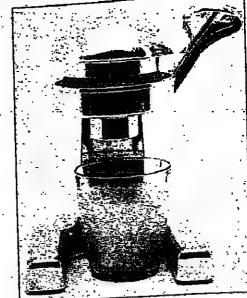


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going off everywhere, for ex-Hensman reassured Thomas. The previous day on his farm at Chinoyi. 70 miles north of Harare in the burnished bushveld, he had let off

man said. "The old saying is true: that elephants never several rounds of gunfire right alongside a herd of baby cull destroyed their mothers.

turbed by the shots and, if

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will remain passive." Hens-

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His is a passion combined with utmost respect and shameless affection for the creatures. His wife, Lindy, is equally devoted, and revealed that what the beasts love most is to have their tongues

Hensman related the polgnant tale of how, when his friend was killed by an elephant some years ago in understandable circumstances involving cows and calves, the herd buried his body under dust and laid branches over him as they do for their own dead.

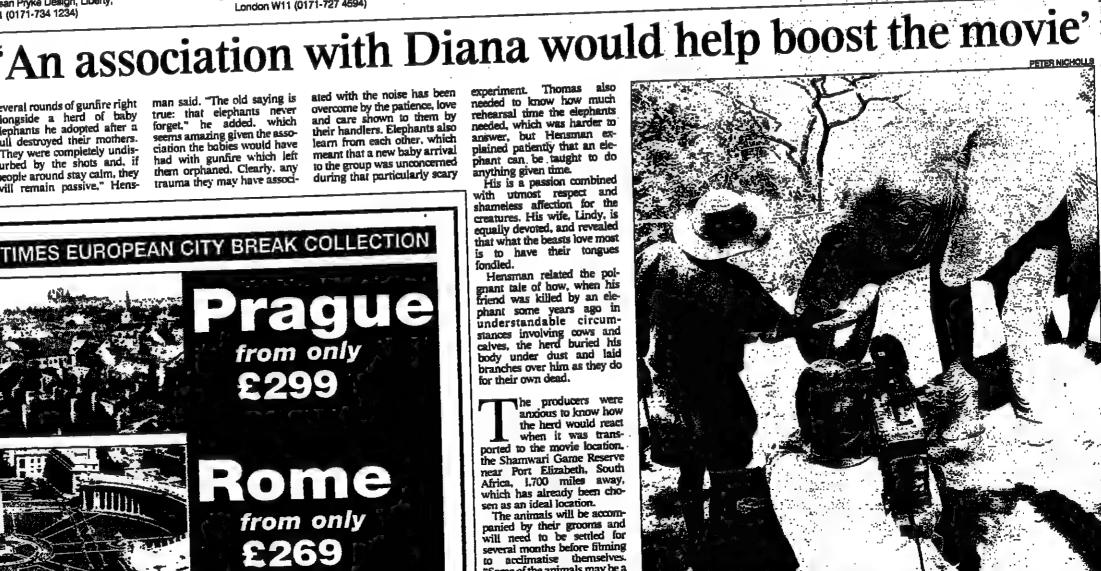
The producers were anxious to know how the herd would react when it was trans-ported to the movie location. the Shamwari Game Reserve near Port Elizabeth, South Africa, 1.700 miles away, which has already been chosen as an ideal location.

The animals will be accompanied by their grooms and will need to be settled for several months before filming to acclimatise themselves Some of the animals may be a little too wild to be used in the foreground but they will do nicely as background fill." Thomas said.

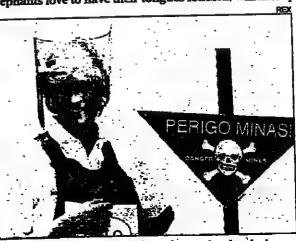
Then there are the problems with food to overcome. Ele-phants ear up to 150lb of fodder a day and, like all vegetarians, prefer their food fresh. That means we will need a team and logistics of a 'Desert Storm' operation, said Thomas, who is already preparing to send teams ahead of the Mambo transporters to prepare tonnes of leaves and grass. "Hannibal didn't have these problems

when he took his elephants over the Alps," he said. Thomas, 64, white-bearded and a former BBC producer and a founder member of Tomorrow's World and Horizon, is a successful author with sales of more than 40 million to his credit, five of which have been made into films, including Voyage of the Damned (which won five Academy Award nominations) and Time Ran Out, starring Paul Newman. The screen-play of that film managed to retain only 29 lines of my original book, which is why I decided the only way to get what I want on screen was to become involved in the production end. Thomas said.

Mambo is his first venture into Hollywood movies as producer/writer and has travelled 6,000 miles from his home outside Dublin to screen test the Hensman herd.



Elephants love to have their tongues fondled, which helps to calm them when filming



Diana. Princess of Wales, in action on her landmine campaign, and her new friend, the playboy film producer Dodi Fayed. They have been linked to the movie Mambo

As part of the producer's pledge to make this the first major film to come out of South Africa under Mandela's government, the crew will be supplied by the South African co-producers in the venture. Riverstone. They are at present working with Quentin Tarantino on two other films. but Mambo is their biggest, Thomas said. "It's going to give South Africa a serious presence on the movie stage."

Adrian Gardiner, the mil-lionaire owner of Sharawari was the ideal location for the Game Reserve, who has invited the Princess of Wales to visit his game lodge after a visit by the Duke and Duchess

of Gloucester, is frank about the Fayed-Diana connection. The people behind Mambo know that even an 'understood' association with the Princess would give the movie an enormous boost." When he heard that the film was being written by Thomas, who was in hospital last December recovering from surgery, the flamboyant Gardiner flew to his bedside in Dublin to persuade him that Shamwari

filming of Mambo. Gardiner, 54, has also sweet-talked a number of wealthy South Africans to invest in the film. "It's not just

that they will get their money back, it's what they will be doing for South Africa," he said, "Mambo can change the entire face of tourism. Look what happened after Out of Africa and White Mischief were made in Kenya. Tourism boomed there."

This week, however, that was not the priority for Thomas and the elephant trainers The production team has several more herds to audition over the coming weeks.

Repeating a line he has heard several times this week. Thomas said: "At least the) don't have to go through the casting couch business...



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# Cool way to see out summer

When the going gets hot, slip into a strappy dress with simple but elegant accessories, advises

Heath Brown

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heavy fabrics are already in stock and hangers are loaded with deep plum velvet, heavy sequins and soft eatherette, none of which is suitable for hot summer nights. So what is a girl to do to look and stay

The best bet is to go straight for next season's delicate evening styles, which are cool and elegant lunch. Although many of the new styles come with autumn or winter scarves or throws, these can be discarded in summer and accessorised to suit the weather.

One of the best styles to look out for is the easy-to-wear chiffon stip, which is layered, soft and appealingly short. Because it is loose and hoaty, with elegant, graceful layers, this style is suitable for all sizes and shapes, whether it is for an aliresco. function or an over-heated ball.

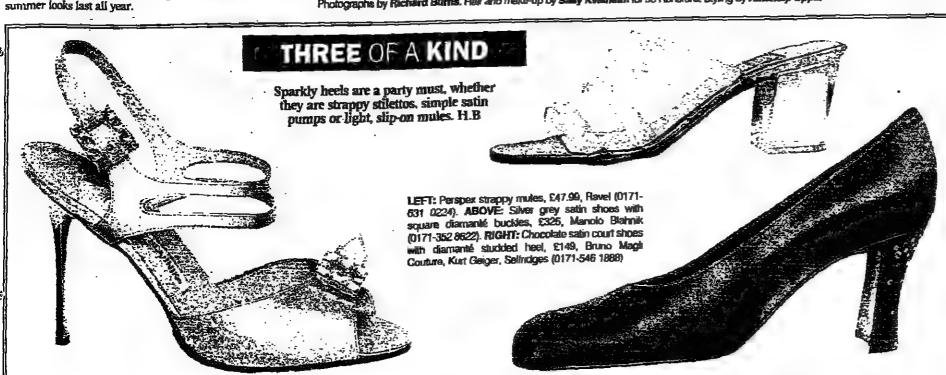
Discreet embroidered details and beading can also liven up the simplest dress in the most subtle ways. Do not to go overboard, though — dainty suitching is more suited to summer, leaving the heavier-embroidered, tasselled or embossed fabrics and severe silhouettes for the winter evenings.

aler colours — if you can find them — still retain a hint of high summer. Warehouse, Oasis and Next all have these sharles in their transitional collections and Monsoon is offering a range of iridescent hues that reflect the evening light, adding a touch of sparkle. Search out light blues and soft pinks - or even try white, which can be mixed with rich colours for

winter evenings later in the year. For a hint of glamour, wear strappy sandals and cool, slip-on heeled mules, and carry simple accessories such as a simple satin grosgrain evening bag or beaded purse. And, as the nights start to draw in, wear an elegant shawl to keep the chill off -- a good selection can be found at Fenwicks and branches of Debenhams and Marks & Spencer, It is possible to look ravishingly hot, yet keep your cool; with a little nous, you can mix bits from every season, letting



los-blue and silver glitter-print shell top, £185; matching long sldrt, £410; matching stole, £125, Press & Bastyan, Kate Jones, 28 St Christopher's Place, W1 (0171-636 1614) Photographs by Richard Burns. Heir and make-up by Saily Kvalheim for Jo Hensford, Styling by Amandip Uppel





Two-tone grey chiffon dress with fine beading, £55, Warehouse



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# A lost universe reclaimed

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### Wentworth Castle Garden. Stainborough, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (01226 731269)

One and a half miles from the J27 of the MI Conducted tours. Tues 10am, Thurs 2pm. Groups by appointment only. Closed Bunk Holiday Monday. £2 a nead.

Here is another exciting "lost" garden being brought back to life. Most of Wentworth's 40 acres were laid out in the first half of the 18th century by William Wentworth but were a derelict jungle until 18 years ago when Derek Rogers was appointed head gardener. Today the gardens hold the national collections of species rhododendrons and magnolias and are twinned with one of the Chinese botanic gardens.

From the viewing platform in the Secret Garden at the centre is a view of the "universe", with a large central bed representing the sun, myriad smaller beds representing the stars and four medium-sized beds the equinox. Some of the old-fashioned roses should be in their second flush as you read this. This Grade I listed garden includes 18 monuments, a Union Jack Walk, woodland, a walk through a turnel of rhododendrons, terraces, drives, rides and all year round interest.

# M Lower House Farm. Nantyderry. Gwent, Wales (01873 880257)

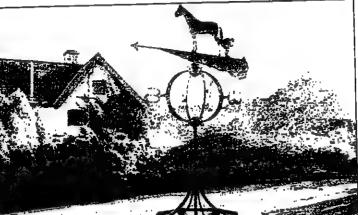
Seven miles southeast of Abergavenny. Open tomorrow and Monday for the National Gardens Scheme. 2-opm. £1.50. Private visits by appointment.

This garden has been featured on television and in magazines for its selection of common and unusual plants. a fern island with wild flowers and, at this time of year, excellent late-flowering

Trebah gardens in Cornwall

perennials. Rose Clay does almost all the work in the three acres.

Vivid blue Aster X frikartii 'Humder von Stafa and pale lilac flowered A. thomsonil 'Nanus' will be strutting their stuff along with pinky-purple flowered



Lower House Farm with its good selection of wild flowers and perennials

winter savory. Satureja montana, and a range of verbena and penstemons, and roses and hardy geraniums will be in their second flush.

#### Trebah, Mawnan Smith, near Falmouth, Cornwall (01326 250448)

Four miles southwest of Falmouth. Open daily all year 10.30am-5pm. £3, El children.

This is a good holiday garden: a nature trail and adventure park for children and plenty of plant and landscape

interest for grown-ups. Set in a dramatic, plunging valley with a stream trickling along its base, the damp lower parts of the 25-acre garden have a jungle-like quality created by vast gunneras, palms, bamboos and tree ferns, while unusual trees dot the rest of the garden, most of which are clearly

The hydrangeas should be looking good and the views to the sea across the Helford River are stunning. Trebah was made by Charles Fox in 1831 and was restored through the 1980s by Major and Mrs Hibberd, who are still involved with the gardens.

#### Painshill Park, Cobham, Surrey (01932 868113)

Half a mile west of Cobham on the A425. Open every day except Mondays until October, 10.30am-6pm. E3.50, E1

The park, so close to London and yet with an atmosphere far from metropolitan, is a fairytale landscape of follies, temples and lakes. The estate was built in the mid-18th century by Charles Hamilton, who poured money into the landscape and almost nothing into his house, which was oddly modest by contemporary standards.

His unusual priorities have left behind a Turkish tent (splendidly restored), a Gothic folly with astonishing views, a Greek temple, a huge working waterwheel, an elegant (restored) wooden folly and a Chinese bridge that transports the visitor to a grotto made largely of crystals which must once have glittered in candlelight

The flowerbeds not far from the Greek temple are large, although they do not appear so because of the scale of the surroundings and they tend to be an excellent example of planting for this time of year.

Painshill is the kind of place where it is possible for a family to spend a day without getting bored with woodland walks and good views from plenty of points around the 150 acres.

Disabled visitors can sometimes get a bus ride around certain areas of interest. Some buggies should be available soon.

JANE OWEN

The novelist's creative energy finds an alternative outlet in tending 14 acres



In its different "rooms", Jilly Cooper's garden reflects childhood passions and an instinctive approach to plant buying

# Passion blooms in a Cotswolds haven

mere. Jilly Cooper reveals her ambition. "Now that I'm Dept ATW 1'97, 50 Noticing and Road, SPONDON, Derbyshire DE21 7NL 60 I am going to turn into a lady gardener. Composting is going to be my forte," she says. I have to tell her that this startling wish can never be realised - unless she gains five stone, develops an awesome hosom and a penchant

> print for lady gardeners in one of her books. Gardens appear throughout her novels, which she writes in a 13th-century, free-standing tower in the middle of her 14 acre garden in the Cotswolds. "People say that the garden must give me such inspiration for my books, but it never does. When I am in the garden

all I can think about is gardening." she says. Jilly and her publisher husband Leo ("Incapability Couper" as he describes himself). bought the house (also 13th century) in 1982 and almost immediately felt they had taken on too much.

"I thought I had made a terrible mistake; some areas were so overgrown," she says. Clearing, tidying and replanting began with the help of two and a half man-hours a week. Hundreds of tons of dead wood were taken out of woodland on the precipitous slope behind the main garden and, with the help of the Forestry Commission, 1,500 broadleaf trees were planted.

The site in Gloucestershire - in the Todsmore valley, or Frogsmoor as it appears in her books - is carved into a southfacing slope of limestone, so the soil is tricky and fast draining. This problem is ME AND MY GARDEN: JILLY COOPER

beds in high summer, and

some vast spotted laurels ("far

too urban") have been left in

place along with a poplar planting ("dreadful").

The other element that

marks out this garden is the

sculpture: a flying pig among some shrubs and, just inside

the drive, a totem pole of books

and an owl made from dead

Scots At the far end of the lawn

there are two modern stone

pillars and, beyond, a curious

piece they call "Mrs Thatche",

depicting fields melting into

woods, by Christopher Dean.

matched by a strip of heavy clay into which tons of manure of every kind are poured. It is a frost pocket and the wind funnels in from the Bristol

"I spend about four hours a day watering in the summer because the soil drains so fast and there are never any working hoses. That is the Pisces in me." Jilly says.

Each of the garden "rooms" made by the Coopers has a distinct atmosphere: sensuous secrecy in the water garden with the gentle trickle of spring-fed water falling into a large rectangular sheepdipturned-pool; the ordered fruitfulness of the orchard; an airy lawn which is backed by a cliff of green made by the woodland; sweet sadness around the pet graves where beautifully inscribed slate headstones mark a drowned fox cub and much-loved departed

dogs and cats. There is a passion in this garden that comes from the love the Coopers have lavished on it and the planting that flouts fashion and reflects Jilly's instinctive approach to plant buying.

Red hot pokers which were, she was informed by a grand lady gardener, "too vulgar" wave merrily from the

Fat of the land: pear-shaped

figures grace the poolside

tures of pear-shaped women by Anthony Abrahams. Arid. on the lawn, a chunk of the Houses of thrown out by a vicar's wife who considered

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the piece too phallic. Curled beside a terrace wall. two brown-painted, chicken-wire hounds momentarily deceive - they were made by Rupert Till, a school friend of the Cooper's son, Felix. Felix is responsible for the red telephone boxes dotted about the garden. He collects them.

The most innovative - and controversial - piece is by Paul Day and clings to the virtually blank, east-facing wall of the house. It is either the annunciation or the visitation of peace on earth depending on who you want to believe (Mr Cooper insists on the former version, his wife the latter). A great angel swoops down on a group of figures which includes a dog. Dogs. 25 Jilly Cooper points out, do not appear in the Bible.

In summer, below this rableau of bronze-coated fibleglass a pale pink "New Dawn" rose mingles with the purple everlasting pea.

Like many inspired gardeners, Jilly's garden memorless are childhood. When she was four years old her mother used to cut sprays of double pink cherry biossom from their Yorkshire garden and put them in a Lalique bowl.

Childhood passion for \$\text{\$\psi\$}\$ double pink faded and, for he? Cotswold garden. Filly ordered a couple of elegant white cherry tress. They took a few years to settle in and then they flowered — in a glorious double pink.

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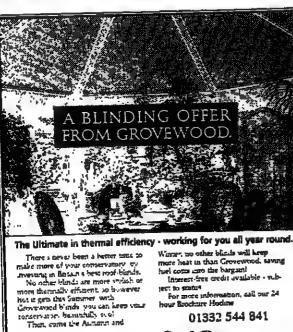
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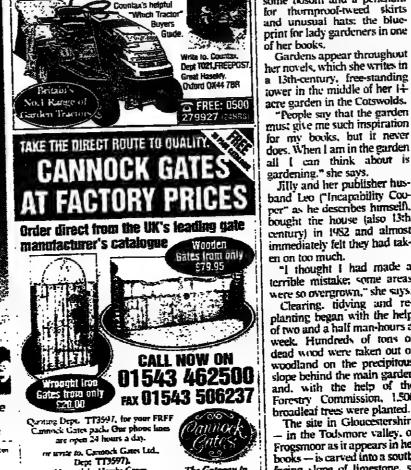


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# Putting a beat in the border

A bit of rhythm in your planting stops the garden looking flat, writes Stephen Anderton

aking a garden can be curiously like making. music. It has its own harmony and rhythm with which gardeners can experiment. Harmony of colour is well understood, and so is a garden's melody—the way the line unfolds through the structure and design of the garden. Rhythin is much trickier, perhaps the hardest quality of the three to introduce.

After all, gardens are usually durined for their dreaminess, their lack of rhythm, the way they stand in a kind of peaceful suspense. It is tare to find much bounce in gardens Just look at the way background music for garden television programmes is always of the serine, beatless variety. Unless, maybe, it is for some wise-tracking modern town garden, infi-or elever hard landscaping, and more an outdoor living room than some where to experiment with plants.
And yet rhythms are there in all gardens, and sometimes they are

strong. When a garden needs driving orward between its calmer moments, to move you from A to B, then strong rhythms do the trick. The headlong inevitability of an avenue approach is the perfect example. On a naller scale, there is rhythm in stepping stones, or the marching uprights of a pergola. When the uprights are in opposite pairs, the thythm is stongest. Heavy brick pillars will make the heaviest deliber. are beat, whereas pairs of clipped mop-headed trees, like the evergreen paks at Hatfield House, will offer a lighter effect. Pergola supports that are alternate rather than opposite are different again, and swing along from side to side in waltz rhythm.

Structural rhythm like this is easy. enough to manage. But even in the serene spaces rhythm is present, and it shows most clearly in the use of colour. The repetition of strong solours can give just as much bounce to the scene as a line of topiary balls.

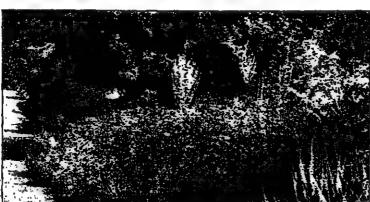
There is a fine line, however, etween giving a big border unity by using the same plant several times, and allowing those plants to recur at regular intervals on the first beat of every bar. But it is better to have take the risk Used skillfully a



The Long Border at Great Dixter, running alongside a path, is a symphony of passion and whooping horns orchestrated by Gertrude Jekyll

recurring plant will anchor a border and give it a sense of individuality. Repeated colour need not be in flowers. It could be in grey foliage plants, such as Phlomis fruticosa, curry plant, Saltx elaeagnos and Stachys lanata, some making shrobs at the back and others a low pool of herbaceous colour at the front. It could be in the repeating of a fountain of tall silver-green grasses, like varieties of Misoanthus sinensis.

he way to avoid the development of these turn-te-turn-te turn rhythms is to vary the position of a plant or colour within the border. So, for instance, if a border of shrub roses was to be interplented with a second subject of the tall blue Campanula lactiflora, then the campanula might be used not in regular splodges at the back or half-way back, but in several generous, unevenly spaced groups at the back, another somewhere halfway back, and the occasional satellite at the front. The satellites could be either the same tall variety as at the back or perhaps a lower form such as Positie You might vary the



Tall shrubs spaced at regular intervals mark out an even rhythm

colour slightly too, using darker named forms such as royal blue "Prichard's Variety" to give highlights in a general planting of the usual pale blues and mauves.

The rhythm of plants in a border depends to a great extent on the angle from which you look at it. If a border is meant to be seen square-on, then any regularly placed repeats will show clearly. It becomes all the more important then to have the various

groups in different shapes so that a regular and distracting pattern does not emerge.

On the other hand, if you see a border obliquely, perhaps from a path that runs immediately along the front of it, like the Long Border at Great Dixter in Sussex, then the need for a variety of group shapes is less strong. The picture is only glimpsed as a whole, and the pleasure comes as you walk along its unfolding narra-

rive of contrasts. It makes you focus on the detail of the planting in a more episodic manner. It requires more skill in the planting, but it is probably more sansiying to make: especially if the border is deep, because then as much thought has to go into the frontto-back relationships as goes into the side-to-side relationships.

Gertrude Jekyll, the abiding mistress of modern colour theory, liked borders to flow from pale colours through hot to cool again. Her eyesight was poor, and she was more interested in the general flow, the sequence of harmonies, than she was in rhythm. She recommended planting in long strips running the length of the border. Today her fixation on this linear approach seems obsessive, but you can imagine how this interweaving of long shapes could produce a border in which the changing harmony of colour was quite uninterrrupted by the beat of a rhythm. The perfect Jekyll border is probably like Samuel Barber's flowing Adagio for Strings. The Long Border is more Strauss and Till Eulenspiegel, all passion and whooping horns.



Stop outdoor tomatoes after the fourth or fifth truss has set, but leave bush tomatoes alone. Ensure both are well supported to take the

weight of fruit. Yew and holly hedges clipped now should survive on one clipping a year, although a wet autumn may produce some further shoots.

Clamps of colchicum bulbs may be lifted and divided now. Replant individually, because they soon clump up again; even small bulbs flower quickly when given space of their own. Crown imperials (Fritillaria imperialis) can

be planted now. Complete any weedkilling on lawns this month so long as the soil is moist, and before the weather cools down and selective herbicides

become less effective. ■ The widest choice of tulips is starting to be available in garden centres. Buy now, but keep cool and plant them any time up to December, as space becomes available. Most other bulbs are better planted straight away.

Evergreen trees and shrubs can be moved over the next month. Soak the roots first, a day or two in

still, dull day. Plant evergreen hedges in well prepared trenches.

Prune out the flowered stems of loganberries and tie the new ones in place for next year. Space evenly to receive maximium ripening sun.

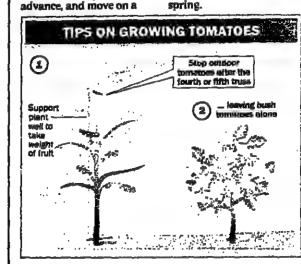
■ Take cuttings of plants in terrace pots too large to bring indoors for next season - for example, argyranthemum. relargonium and tender salvias.

Ensure trailing plants bearing edible fruits, such as melons and kiwi fruit, are kept well fertilised and

■ Water sweetcorn and irrigate consistently. When the tassle at the end of the cob begins to look brown and withered, pick the cob and eat it as soon as possible, while it is still

Sow lettuce seeds of the large-headed variety to eat in December. Thin seedlings and cover when colder climates prevail. ■ Take cuttings of herbs. such as sage and savory.

and root in well shaded trays either inside greenhouses or outside under frames. Once rerooted, replant in individual pots and shelter until placing outside in spring.











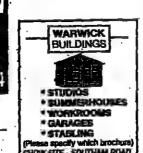
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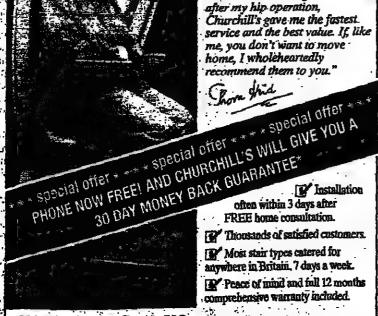
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Jane Owen's new greenhouse was a DIY job - except that it needed Jean, Peter, Harry, Paul, Alan, David and Keith to help put it up



lane Owen sets about trying to erect her greenhouse, but gets into a bit of a tangle and enlists the help of Paul Fievez, the photographer, and David Page of the manufacturers - along with five other men

# Magnificent Seven drama

pen five flatpacks containing kit for the Marlborough 6 shatterproof polypropelete greenhouse: sheets of double thickness glazing, coil of black rubber. aluminium struts, steel beams, white plastic strips, cruciform head bolts, clips, nuts, wheels and a spanner. Repack everything and have a stiff drink. Open assembly manual. It is in five languages: English, German. French. Dutch and Engineering.

Four another drink and ring Jean. a French engineer friend with large tool kit. He has a date in Dunkerque and refuses to help. I say I have a bottle of Chateauneul du Pape Vieux Télègraphe 1987. He agrees to come for the weekend. No need, I say, this will only take a day according to those who have done it before, so long as we get the foundations absolutely level and the angles exact. Long argument, Apparently French engineers don't do foundations. Jean arrives in rainstorm.

Assembly of base begins in the hall. This is simple: bolting four steel beams together and four legs which eventually plug into foundations. Now have to master assembly of screwing and sliding bolts so that they perform about three functions at once. Jean is told he will get neither wine nor supper until we have built the side walls. He claims exhaustion and that, without wine, he cannot identify which piece is which. Bottle is opened and side wall is assembled - with wrong pieces and the bottom sills facing the wrony way.

Tempers are now frayed and (correct) pieces laid out in kitchen for assembly in the morning. Children, cats, orphan lambs and visitors have to pick their way across the muddle.

Assemble side and end walls in the morning with a little help from visiting a solicitor. Peter, whose usual job is to sue journalists. I ask him to make sense of the instructions but he can't and offers to do the barbeque/read the paper for me/clean out the latrines... anything rather than greenhouse torture. Jean finally emerges, hungover, and interprets instructions in French. Risol panels assembled.

Picture editor rings from The Times Weekend section. Holly wants a series of pictures showing each stage of the building process. Could I dismantle a couple of parts to show the stages? Dream on. Busier. "Oh. Holly." I say, "that's a good idea. The pictures might not come out exactly like that - things haven't gone exactly to plan. But I look forward to seeing the 'snapper' there."

Panic. It is six weeks since this malarkey began and the snapper is due on Saturday. Jean agrees to return after I mention a meal of roast duck with creme brülee and Baron Philippe de Rothschild

Frame erected. Instructions say this can he achieved by one person. Pah!

Glazing. Why is one side covered in clear film and another in deep-blue film? Rip off both films. Jean stands inside greenhouse sweating and cursing in French. I climb ladder and wham glazing in from outside using a sparkplug gauge (hot rip) to help ease each sheet into its allotted slot. Find note at bottom of glazing pack saying that the side of the glazing sheets covered in blue film should face the outside.

Snapper due in two hours and we should have built the door. Jean says he will withdraw his labour unless we have lunch and he can watch cricket. Tell him to eat one of the fettuces and some sugar snap peas from the vegetable plot.

Order Jean inside greenhouse again to hold frame while I fit PVC capping and hammer it in place with the rubber mallet. Whole greenhouse jumps off stand every time I whack the capping in place. French vocabulary is extending. Once one piece is in place it pops out when I whack the next one. Also, all roof glazing panels begin to edge out. Glazing clips, that have broken most of my nails during installation, popping out across vegetable plot.

napper due in an hour. Discover a loose piece of paper saying that the instructions for the base in the booklet should be ignored in favour of alternative instructions about clipping greenhouse to base. At least foundations are perfect: Harry, who helps me in the garden, has a gimlet eye for setting things right.

Paul Fievez, the snapper, arrives while Jean is failing to make a screw self-tap. I am questioning his credentials as an engineer. He waffles about the difference between a mechanic and an engineer. Paul puts down cameras, picks up screwdriver and says he's erected four greenhouses and that self-tapping screws never work. Have to buy extra-highspecification screws and drill out the holes into which they were supposed to slot, he says. Keep on like that, says Paul looking at Jean who is adding Fairy Liquid to help the self-tapping process, and the screw heads will sheer off.

Alan, my neighbour, arrives with drill to drill out the holes for the allegedly self-tapping screws, offers to get self-tapping



Jane Owen, triumphant, at the door (well, where the door will be once it has been put together) of her greenhouse

kit from workshop and then withdraws. Remaining boys disintegrate into a heap on the lawn to discuss sprocket retainer

Decide to get lardy cake and tea, followed shortly by wine. After two-hour struggle Paul has limited success with the door, takes some

pictures and vanishes to take pictures of

John Major in a pub. Monday. Ring the makers of the Marlborough 6. David Page and Keith Mercer arrive from the company and finish the job. Both are realistic about the Mariborough 6: it is a brilliant construction (safer and probably more heat

effective than glass) but it is new and it has had teething problems and so their new, updated model (on sale from October) will have ironed out the problems with which I battled. Great. The Mariborough 6 costs from E2-B. Base 545 extra. For stockists. call Freephone 0/536 206900, Mon-Fri Gam-5.30pm.

# GARDEN



STEPHEN ANDERTON replies to readers' letters

What do you recommend to sheiter my garden from traffic noise? Miss E.M. Wood, Headington, Oxfordshire.

The fastest, crudest and most work in the long-term would be a leylandii cypress hedge, but sair slush sprayed up from wheels in winter can easily "burn" them. Go
for a fast effect of trellis covered in
ivy, behind which you could grow a
mixed shrubbery of deciduous and
evergreen shrubs. Shiny-leafed evergreens withstand pollution better ecause they are cleaned more efficiently by rain. Try laurels, evergreen oak garrya, elacagaius, euonymus, holly, arbutus, berberis, escallonia, camellia, fatsia or the tall, elegant. Chinese privet Ligustrum lunidum. Deciduous rees and shrubs tolerating pollution include robinia, allanthus, lime, ash. laburnum, rhus, hydrangea and forsythia:

When I pruned my bougain villes in February I repotted in into too large a pot, since when it has grown well but not flowered. Could I repot it again in November, and root prune it and shorten the eideshoots to make it fit a smaller pot? Then hard prune again in February? — Mrs G. Pinchin, Chichester, West Sussex.

A That sounds fine. Bougainvil-less will withstand a lot of root pruning, but you could leave doing it until Rebruary, especially if you are going to rest the plant in relative inactivity through the winter. Bougainvilleas prefer to be tightly potted and need repotting only every two to three years. When it is done, however, the property of the could be the property of the could be the could ever, they need a rich soil around their roots; they are hungry plants. Under normal circumstances root pruning is unnecessary.

Can areas of soil with clubroot be cleaned? — R. Dickens. Guisborough, Cleveland.

Flygiene and prevention are for culbroot, a fungal disease seen as garlis on the roots, and causing weak and damaged foliage above. Make sure you rotate the areas in which you grow brassicas (cabbages, swedes, turnips and radishes) and, if there is nowhere clean, avoid these crops for a few years. The disease can, however, linger in the soil for as long as 20 years. Make sure the soil is neutral (pH7) or slightly alkaline by adding lime as necessary, and ensure good drainage.

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# Don't fork out for the wrong spade

Stephen Anderton helps choose the best gardening

tools for the job - some from the local market stall

own at the market on a Saturday morning there's a stall selling old took - wooden planes, chisels, edging shears, garden forks and the like. I stop and look. It's tempting. Then I think, how many tools do I really need? When it comes

down to it, very few. A good spade is the first necessity. If you are on light soil, one with a full-length blade is efficient and fast. On sticky clay soils, a spade with a shorter blade is better, a spade which time and hard work have worn down to two thirds its original length. And I like a spade with those linle bits of steel welded to the top of the blade to protect my instep.

Who needs stainless steel? Not me: you have to scrape it clean as you work just as much as with ordinary steel. What matters in a spade is that the metal comes far enough up the shaft to make it strong, and that the balance and the T or D handle is to your liking.
My additional humry in the

digging department is a drainage spade — a "spit" — with an Sin semi-circular tapering blade which is useful for taking out compacted soil or breaking up flinty clay in a deep planting hole.

A digging fork is another necessity. Just a good ordinary one. The fancier a sool, the sillier it usually is. If you try hard enough, you can bend or break any fork or spade, so 1 like to spend a sensible minimum on them and get a basic. strong brand such as Buildug.

Sword, which it calls a Swoe.

It is the Bang and Olussen of

garden tools and, like a B&O

ni-fil it's good but a bit

Hoes are different. I have a passion wrought of experience plants, cutting just as efficientfor that strange, swan-neded hoe produced by Wilkinson ly on pull as on push.

You need fewer tooks for the garden than you might think do, but on spotted-dark clay.

designery. The blade is connected to the shaft only at one they must be forged, with a side, which allows you to blade which will not bend. slalom around among the Bulldog and Wilkinson are both excellent

A wire leaf rake is essential. Trowels and hand forks in the flower garden, just as a must be made of forged steel to flat Dutch rake is indispensible in the vegetable parch. The different kinds of rakes. last. If you are on voil with the texture of choodate soullie. those pressed-out versions will are legion. There are rakes

BASIC TOTAL SET A BASIC SET of multi-A BASIC SET of multi-purpose hand tools for the garden should comprise the following. There is a much greater variation of quality in tools with sharp blades and moving parts. Pay a price at the top of the range only if you are sure the quality is high.

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Hand shears Secateurs £20-£30 Bow saw (21m) E134-E170 TOTAL E134-£170

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with detait able heads, rakes with subtley curved and coil-fured title, and wooden grass-rates of biblical proportions. The most prolapurpose of

rake such as the Buildog Springsts.
For removing thin layers of leaves on grass you might prefer the Mirko polycarbonate rake, which is amazingly light and strong, and refuses to clog with leaves. Everyone needs hand shears. And it is worth getting a a pair with a chopping notch at the back of the blade to save. you switching to secateurs when you hit a hefty shoot. Because everyone wants shears, you rarely see a decent pair on a market stall. The relatives have had them before the shed is cleared. Sometimes they are huge and strong, but ten times heavier than modern shears. Sometimes the hinge bolt is worn and you need to scissor away in mid-air to see if they become slack every ten

The local market is the ideal place to buy a pick. and a big hammer for putting in stakes. The shafts may sometimes be dried out and briffle, but you can always replace them.

flexes. A new bolt, washer and

lockmut may solve that.

. A saw is also a must. The most multipurpose of saws is the 21in bow saw with a pointed end to let you get into tight corners. Sandvik makes some excellent saws and replacement blades; shears too Spend as much as you canon a pair of secateurs. Try-Felco, if you can afford them. No gadgets, just good, high-quality steel and an adustable hinge Simpler still are the Burgon and Balt Classic Carden Shears, which are in differ up market skeep shears. They are perfect for suppling away at topiary one handed, and dead-heading but Lucature to use them in jobs where I had in the left hand that which I wont to cont hand that which I want to cit

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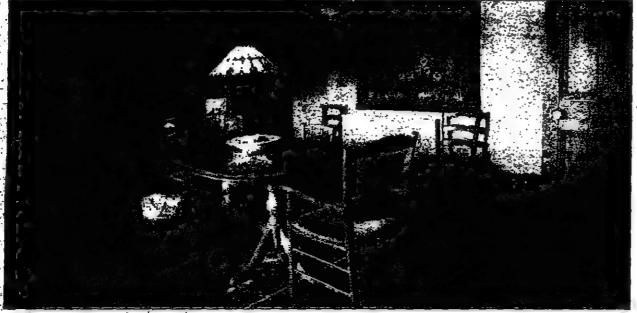
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# Atop a listed building in Wandsworth, a former pop group manager has created an airy reminder of his West Coast days



Living the high life: John Hade with partner Krys Nowak and her daughter Zosia in the treetop living room that leads on to a sunny terrace

#### California dreaming The Victorian architect T.E. Colcutt was no like a carbuncle from the roo in a Gothic eyrie of his five-storey mansion Blame the Thompson Twins or rather their former manager, John Hade, who was too busy masterminding the pop group's American chart su cess and tours to bother about the minutiae of planning regulations back home in



The dining room has a Victorian fireplace and colour-washed walls that echo the terracotta of the kitchen tiles

Hade says: "When the plan-ning official took me down the says Hade nostalgically. "I bottom of the garden and showed me what the dormer looked like from there, I had no argument with him. It

The whistle was blown by a "At the back of the building. neighbour who, peeved at all the lines are vertical and being refused permission for a everything is taller than it is similar dormer, insisted that wide. But that dormer was 12ft. the council should also give wide and oft high. I immed-him the go-ahead to build one listely agreed it had to be "just like the chap's next door". ripped out. It had already cost

me £4,000, and now I had to spend another £6,000 on removing it and replacing it with soundproofed against the inan inverted dormer, whose cessant traffic trundling past width was defined to the last

millimetre." But he is delighted with the result: a sunny, south-facing terrace, with views over the plane trees to Crystal Palace. the twin towers of Ikea's Croydon store, and the South Downs in the distance. On a clear day you can see for ever.

"If you step out on to this bulcony, it's three-quarters of the way to having a garden. says Hade who, as a Friend of Kew, bids for exotic plant cuttings at the Royal Botanic Gardens' annual auction. There's even room to have a dining table out here among

the jasmine, honeysuckle and Virginia creeper. It's like having a top-floor patio." As other tlat-dwellers swelter in the summer heatwave, Hade, his partner Krys Nowak, her nine-year-old daughter Zosia and four cats enjoy the treetop living room, with its high ceilings, exposed pine beams and forest of weeping

fig. rubber and cheese plants. When I look up at a cloudless blue sky through the skylight in the dusty pink ceiling, it reminds me of California. I thought I'd made a terrible mistake with the wall colours at first. They looked like candy-floss pink until the plants and forniture and Indian wall hangings were in place," says Hade. He also had a near-disaster with the ash floor. "I had it

#### HOUSE OF THE WEEK

 Flat D, 75 Nightingale Lane. andsworth, London SW12. • Price: £275,000 leasehold. Travel: Clapham Common Tube, eight minutes' walk. Shopping: Safeway and

Sainsbury's, two minutes' drive; King's Road, Chelsea, 15 minutes' drive. • Entertainment: Jongleurs

Cornedy Club and fringe theatre in nearby Battersea. Schools: private school; Roman Catholic state school; two primary schools. Parking: unrestricted.

varnished and the next morning I came up to admire it. only to find the whole floor was lilac. Apparently it was a faulty batch of varnish, but at least the company paid for the

floor to be redone."

The 23ft by l6ft reception room is dominated by a massive baronial lireplace, whose design Hade sketched on a beer mat. He says: "I come from a working-class background, so when I visited friends' six-bedroomed houses with their huge inglenook fireplace I said to myself, one

day I'm going to have one'. It has Christmas and Dickens written all over it."

Hade, who left the pop world to write and make furniture, wants a change of soene: a ten-acre farm in Devon and a hand-made furniture business. "I want a stress-free life," he says.

So it's goodbye to the Wandsworth flat; its open kitchen with terracotta tiles. their colour echoed in the washed walls of the adjoining dining room, with black quarry-style tiles, pretty magnoliatiled Victorian fireplace and narrow balcony. Also on this first level are the main and second bedrooms, a blackand-white marble bathroom with sunken whirloool bath and closet shower. Nowak, an upholsterer, has hand-painted the windows of the bathroom and separate lavatory with a green and yellow leaf pattern.

On the second level is a third bedroom, a small study and the airy reception room with its approved roof terrace. At least Colcutt, architect of the Savoy Hotel and the Palace Theatre, can rest in peace.

GILL MARTIN • Agents: Douglas & Gordon (0181-673 (114)).



The house designed by T.E. Colcutt, architect of the Savoy hotel and Palace Theatre

# This ground-floor two-bedroom flat in an end-of-terrace red-brick

period house, with direct access to communal gardens, in Sloane Court East, off the Royal Hospital Road, London SW3, will set you back £275.000 for a 52 year lease. (Chestertons, 0171 589 4985.)



For even less (£250,000) you could buy Fursdon, a seven-bedroom detached thatched period cottage in 2.75 acres of garden and peddocks, in a rural setting, near Hittisleigh, Devon, it comes with ings and panoramic views over the Dartmoor National Park. (GA Town & Country, 01392 427070.)



in Scotland, £250,000 will buy you Ardshealach Lodge, a of Scotland, 220-bedroom Victorian highland sporting lodge in 22 acres of woodland and rough grazing, fronting Loch Shiel, near Acharacle, Argyl. The price includes a two-bedroom converted byre and the right to fish for salmon and sea trout from a boot.

### PROPERTY PROFILE: (IXPLRIDSHIPE

ATTRACTIONS: Opford's dreaming spires are not the county's sole boast. Woodstock and Blenheim Palace, home to a succession of Dukes of Marlborough, are attractions in their own right; as are the fabled Vale of the White. Horse, where St George is said to have slain his dragon, and Uffington Castle. Most buyers are looking for village property, particularly, around Boars Hill, near Oxford, and further afield, in villages like the Baldons, Tirrolds and Stanton St John. Much of the county is solid commuter belt, with regular trains into Paddington, as well as the M40 and A34.

Wandsworth, London. The planners were rightly ered that a builder hired by

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Hade, 49, former manage of the cult synthesizer grown

And You ! ake Me U bought the lease of the top two-

storey flat in 1984. Because of the band's popularity in America, he commuted between Los-Angeles and London, Jeaving ambitious plans for his flat in the hands of a designer-

"It was a case of no expense

spared in those heady days."

gave him a free rein and when

he promised me he'd applied

for and received planning

permission for the window, I

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chieved him."

THE MARKET: Prices have risen by 20 to 25 per cent over the past year, according to Cluttons in Oxford. Despite the August Iul. many buyers are out in force, with demand far. exceeding supply. The three Cotswold offices: of Jackson-Stops & Staff have 2,000 applicants for 40 properties, half of which are under offer. Clegg Kennedy Drew in Charlbury says the top end of the market has been "buzzing" for 12 months, with many would be buyers looking. to rent until they can find the right property. They reckon around 50 per cent of buyers are

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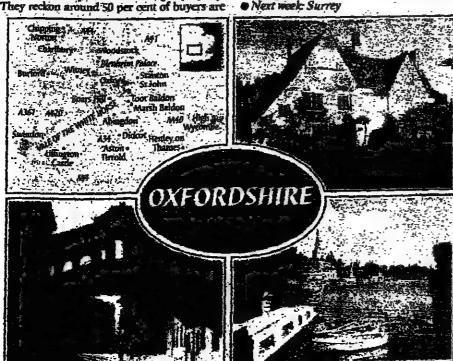
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from London. Prices fell by 15 per cent to 20 per cent from 1989 to Autumn of 1993, according to John D. Wood & Co in Oxford. Hamptons International in Henley on Thames reckon demand has increased sharply since 1996.

EXPECT TO PAY: Between £160,000 to £220,000 for a three-bedroom cottage, from £400,000 to £650,000 for a farmhouse with land, and from £500,000 to £1 million for a manor house in five acres, says Cluttons.
Properties between Oxford, Chipping Norton and Burford can command 15 per cent premiums, say Jackson-Stops in Burford.

SIGNIFICANT SALES: Walcot Manor, near Charlbury, was sold in four weeks by Cluttons carlier this year. Lot 1, a country house with ten acres went for £695,000; lot 2, a pair of cottages. went for £125,000 and £130,000 each.

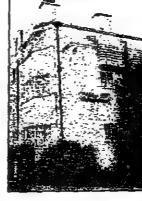
OUTLOOK: Supply will increase, according to Hamptons International, but will not meet demand. Jackson-Stops says the market is calming down after a period of intense activity.







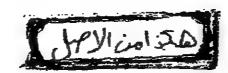
IAN HISLOP, editor of Private Eye, lives with his wife Victoria and two children in a Victorian terrace. less than five minutes walk from Wandsworth Common. The house is close to the many restaurants and shops on Believue Road. Neighbouring houses are currently fetching as much



VIVIENNE WESTWOOD. fashion designer, shares the bome she has lived in for over 20 years with her husband Andreas Kronthaler. The two-bedroom flat is part of a 1930s former council block in Clapham and is ideally situated for Westwood to be able to cycle to and from her Battersea-



SUSANNAH YORK, the actress, lives in a fivehedroomed Victorian house. One of a line of identical houses, it has a secluded garden, four times the size of her neighbours, and incorporates an orchard, lawns and a line of poplars. The interior has survived children and animals and is lived



The Phipps swapped their flat at market value for a new, two-bedroom, two-bathroom Barratt house

# Trading places made easy

Some builders will take your old home in part exchange for a new one, saving the bother of selling, writes Cheryl Taylor

hen the housing market seems rife with horror stories of forbidding prices, properry deserts, broken house-chains and gazumping, many people, particularly those, who are having trouble selling or need to move fast, are finding a solution to their problems in a little-advertised sector of the market — part-exchange.

By trading in your old home for a new one, you can escape estate agents' fees and the hassle of selling. Some builders also offer cash incentives to pay for legal and survey fees and help with arranging a mortgage. And the whole transaction can take a week or less to complete. However, many builders are reluctant to advertise a scheme that was introduced when the market was depressed in the 1970s, but which in a booming market would seem to hold more advantages for the customer than the builder.

Part-exchange deals generate a second, spin-off market in old homes that have been traded in. While most building companies pass on the older homes they acquire to local building societies to re-sell, Barratt, who pioneered the part-exchange concept in the 1970s, buys and re-sells 3,000 properties a year through its own showrooms. "In that sense we are one of the biggest estate agents in Britain," says David Pretty, chairman of Barratt Southern.

When trading old for new, most builders insist that buyers trade up to a house or flat worth at least 30 per cent more than their old home.

NICK PHIPPS, a former

British hobsleigh champion

were still struggling to sell

after it went on the market,

they began to wonder if they

would ever find a new home

for their two young children, Jack, two, and ten-month-old

The Phipps family had

been living in a small flat in a converted building in

Woodham, Surrey, for two years

used to things moving fast, so when he and his wife Harriet

their old flat more than a year

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that these may well be lower than
prices achieved on the open market.

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A lew builders pay 100 per cent of the valuation; others will knock off between 5 and 10 per cent to cover resale costs. The builder may claim that your property was not priced to sell or in poor condition and offer a lower price, in which case you could end up with a low price for your own house and pay over the-odds for a new one. So always insist on having your own valuation carried out by a chartered survey-

Wimpey and Fairview have partexchange schemes on selected sites and both offer 100 per cent of an 
independent valuation, as does 
Barratt, which also offers ESO0 
towards legal and survey fees on 
selected properties, and secondbuyer discounts for those who trade 
up from a Barratt home. Buyers 
who purchase a new house off-plan 
from Cala Homes are given a 
guaranteed part-exchange price of 
100% of an agreed valuation, if they 
cannot sell their existing property 
on the open market before their 
new home is ready.

Berkeley Homes offers an underwriting scheme to minimise risks for those buying from plan. "We underwrite about 10 per cent of our business," says Paul Vallone, group sales and marketing director. "It enables people to move regardless of market conditions and diminishes stress for the purchaser." Berkeley will buy your existing home for

A FAMILY OF FAST MOVERS

and put it up for sale when it

During the months it was on

became impractical for children.

the market a promising sale fell through, adding to their misery. Then they discovered a new Barratt development.

Clarendon Gate, a development

their former home at Woodham

of 69 houses built on the site of the old Ottershaw hospital, a

They put down a deposit

on a two-bedroom, terraced house and Barratt bought

their home for its full market

short distance away from



Clarendon Gate, the new development near Woodham, Surrey

90 per cent of the mid-valuation from three estate agents, provided the property you are buying is worth 35 per cent more.

McCarthy & Stone, Britain's biggest sheltered housing group, also has a part-exchange scheme that accounts for a third of all sales. It is aimed at retired people who want to trade down for up, or acrossl to a purpose-built retirement home, but are daunted by the

value. "Barratt paid us

£79,950 for our old flat, which was the middle valuation

from three esate agents, and we

didn't have to pay agent's fees," says Mrs Phipps, a sports

Their brand new £99,000

house has two bedrooms, one

-with an en suite bathroom in

a lounge/dining room, fully

addition to the family bathroom

fitted kitchen and a downstairs

CHERYL TAYLOR

prospect of upheaval. The company will buy an existing home, based on independent valuations, but will knock off an unspecified sum to cover its costs.

Barratts sells on many of the older houses and flats it gains through part-exchange under the label Oak Leaf Properties. These are available to buyers with many of the benefits usually only available on new homes. The properties will have been redecorated, repairs carried out and carpets laid, at no extra charge. You can even partexchange your existing home - at up to 100 per cent of an independent valuation — for one of these older homes, and Barratt will take care of legal and survey costs up to £500 on selected Oak Leaf properties. Older homes are available in a choice of locations at prices from £32,000 for a one-bedroom flat in Tyneside to £200,000 for a detached house in

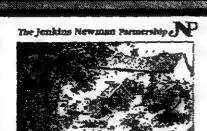
"These homes are always priced to sell and represent excellent value for money." says Mr Pretty.

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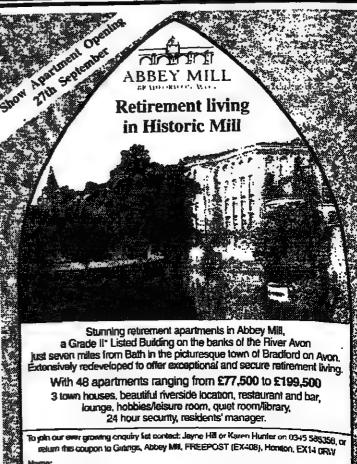
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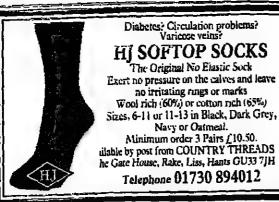
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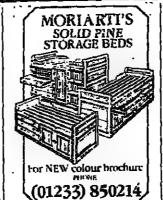
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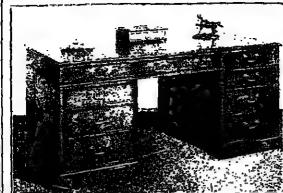


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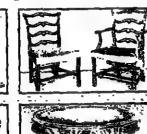
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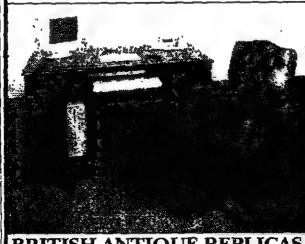
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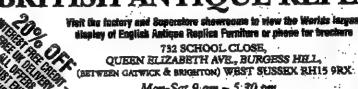
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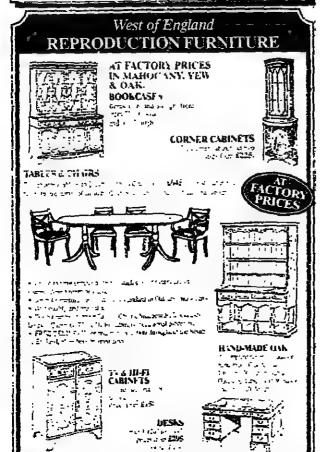
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# Just like momma used to make

story about his days as a comedian in the Borscht Belt, that string of Jewish hotels and boarding houses in New York's Catskill Mountains. Working there in the late 1940s, he claims to have saved many Jewish lives by going around after meals trying to stop replete elderly lewish gentlemen, relaxing in rocking chairs, from singing the hit song Dancing in the Dark — or at least getting them to sing in a lower key.

The middle section has some notoriously difficult high notes and, in trying to reach them, these gentlemen, full of borscht, chopped liver, roest-chicken, potato latkes, blintees and strudel would chutch their chests and go down like flies: Brooks is, of course, talking of when Jewish cooking did not pull its punches, long before the nightmare of cholesterolconsciousness, and weight

in terms of dead and dying Jews, Brooks may have been taking comedian's licence, but Jewish food can be rich and heavy and, in large quantities, a health hazard.

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The Borscht Belt - by combining food, Jews and comedians — inevitably gave birth to jokes about Jews and their gastronomic and digespreoccupations. From there it was a mere hop, skip and an Oy, I think I've twisted my ankle" to the Jewish mother joke, also largely based on her preoccupation

FOOD FEATURE

Momma's good cooking for Jewish New Year



Traditionally it was the materfamilias who had the power, which she wielded from mission control in the kitchen. Her constant exhortation to family and guests was:
"Have some more. What's the matter, you don't like it?" All these strands come together in the New York story (circa 1975) about Mr. Levy phoning his psychiatrist at four in the

"Dr Goldfarb, I'm sorry to disturb you, but I've had a terrible dream." "It's all right," says Dr

Goldfarb, gritting his teeth. What was it?" "I dreamt you were my mother."

"Very interesting So?"
"I couldn't get back to sleep. so I got up and made some breakfast."

Good. What did you have?" "A cup of coffee, a piece of "A cup of coffee, a piece of

toast?" Dr Goldfarb screams back. "What sort of breakfast is that for a grown man?" The characters in all these stories are Ashkenazi Jews, the

> chicken itself, roasted and stuffed. I once asked why we did not finish off with chicken icecream, not a successful joke. One of the basics of kashrut, the dietary laws, is not mixing meat and milk, and if you came from the poor life of a Russian shtetl you did not joke about chickens either. A good, fat chicken was a luxury and

> There were also all-fish maybe in the old country

distilled into one comprehensive

volume. Stanley Price looks back

dietary laws and spiced with jokes and

Ashkenazi and, as with all the best Ashkenazi stories, fear and paranoia are just around the corner - and justifiably so. The Ashkenazim, of Central and Eastern Europe, formed 75 per cent of the world's Jewish population in the last half of the 19th century. Most lived within the repressive Russian Empire, including the Baltic countries and most of Polavod

My own four grandparents, then unmarried, left Lithuania and went to Ireland, a place I doubt they had heard of before. My pater-

nal grandfather was en route to America, but was so seasick that he got off at Cork. I three grandparents could not afford the fare to America. They stayed, bringing little with them except their religious orthodoxy

and their Ash-

kenazi cooking. In Ireland I alternated between grandparental homes each Friday night and had my introduction to the nearly 100 per cent chicken dinner chopped chicken liver followed by chicken soup, with supposedly miraculous medicinal properties, and its rich islands of kreplach or knaidlach (dumplings), followed by the

every bit was used.

nights, starting with chopped herring and followed by gelilte fish, different chopped fresh fish formed into balls and boiled or fried. All this food seemed subject to the principle that if you can't chop it, stuff it. Polish Jews did both, stuffing a whole carp with other chopped fish. I wondered if

at a culinary tradition controlled by

wonders why more of us don't try it

food that is talked about is many Jewish teeth were not too good on solids. My mother, who learnt to cook Vilnastyle from her mother, had low self-esteem when it came to gefilte fish. If one complimented her on it, she always said her mother or Aunt Sarah did it better, or that if only you'd come last Friday ... And, like many good cooks, she was highly critical of other people's

> She could well have been one of the Jewish women in the story (circa 1996) having lunch in a smart restaurant. They are approached by the

asks: "Is anything Then the all right, ladies?" Behind all the tradition and selfwaiter mocking jokes lies asked: Is the serious matter of the all-inhibiting dietary laws. A anything minority of British Jews now keep strictly "kosher" all right kitchens, but many ladies? observe some form

of prohibition, and would draw the line at pig in any form. In the old countries, and even among first immigrants, the kashrut were strictly observed. Whether a Jew believed that the laws were divinely ordained or merely a complex hygienic code devised by far-sighted rabbis at the time of the Dispersion in the 1st century. there is no question that they were an ingenious survival kit. If your meat has to be slaughtered in a certain way and you cannot eat numerous foods or mix many others, you are

A shopkeeper prepares kosher food: curiously, such cuisine has had virtually no influence on non-Jewish eating and brought up in Cairo, comes from this tradition. She prevented from eating outside your own home and community. Kashrut is thus a wearon has spent to years researching Jewish food from all parts of against the threat of the world. The result is The it took me a long time to Book of Jewish Food, a compendium of gastronomic histrealise that the Ashkenazi ory, food lore and more than were not the only Jews in the 800 recipes. "Ashkenazi foods universe. There were Sephardi come from a cold world," she too, those Spanish and Portuguese Jews who were expelled writes. Ta world of chicken fat, onion and garlic, cabbage, car-

from Spain in 1492. They took their highly developed culture rots and potatoes. freshwater fish, esand fanned out round the pecially carp and salt herring. The Sephardi world is a warm one of peppers and aubergine, courgene and tomatoes, rice and cracked wheat.

> research, it is easy to see where Roden's heart still is. Though there are twice as many Ashkenazi as Sepnardi Jews in the world, the reverse is true of the number of pages and recipes devoted to each in Roden's book. My own tastes

in Jewish food are catholic, but I think of my grandparents and others and know there will be much turning in Ashkenazi graves. gastronomy. I imagine a kitch-

their ingredients. But if it came to a straight fight, my money would be on a direct hir from a lockshen pudding or a volley of flying knaidlach faral for any Sephardi already weakened by too much sunshine and olive oil. What emerges from Roden's research is that although influ-

> 'A fat chicken was a luxury.

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are notoriously conservative when it comes to eating habits, but now most are happily eating Indian, Chinese, Italian, Greek and Thai. Is there some odd, inexplicable feeling that with Jewish food comes the salt of affliction? I am not at all sure who

really reads cookbooks, but Ruden's is a superior one. If us effect is to bring gefilte fish to the gentile kitchen and latke takeaways to the high street. she will be in Heaven, as the prophets say, sitting on the right hand of God.

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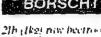
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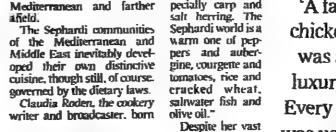
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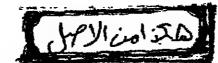
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They don't go mad in the midday sun but they do suffer like the rest of us, says James Allcock

ut in the midday sun this week. four-year-old Lucy Jones from Greater Manchester was badly bitten by a springer spaniel. The spaniel had been bought the day helore and had been described by her breeder as "placid".

Lucy has my sympathy and best wishes. I hope that there won't be any residual scars, mental or physical, and that she'll come back to enjoying dogs and dog-owning at same time in the future.

After the attack, Chief Inspector John Carling said: "It is always a risk to leave young children with animals, but particularly when the pet is new."

He's absolutely right: this advice has been given thousands of times previously. But Mr Carling went on to say: "The hot weather affects animals like it does people, and they may be more likely to attack than when it's cooler."

With all due respect, Chief Inspector, I don't know what evidence

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- Cats' ears and pigs' sunburn. Dab on some sumblock and encourage the



Lucy Jones and her parents: a 12-month-old was the wrong dog

you have for that statement. I'm not aware that animal behaviour looms large in police training courses. My suspicion is that this was the wrong dog to buy - a 12-month-old from a breeder has had very little or no opportunity to socialise with young children and may well have led a kennel life.

Noel Coward's Mad Dogs and Englishmen has wonderful lyrics. but this is hardly evidence. Sane and non-rabid dugs snooze in the midday sun, in the shadiest place they can find. Attack is the last thing on their minds. It would involve exertion and energy. In extreme heat it's too much trouble even to eat until it's dark - as the newly-ennobled Roy Hattersley tesrifies with his goose-chasing bull terrier, Buster.

"Buster isn't keen on the heat." says Hanersley. "He doesn't eat much. And in the park every morning, where seven or eight dogs congregate, he doesn't run around as normal. He just sits under the trees. He plods home like a dog of 85, even though he's only two."

Hattersley says that Buster's problem hitherto has been hyperactivity, "But at the moment he looks as if he is pretending to be a tiger rug when he's at home."

Last year, during a similar heatwave. Dame Barbara Cartland said that her beloved pekinese.

the temperatures overbearing. Mimi would normally sleep either on Dame Barbara's bed or on a pink mattress in her bedroom. "For the first time," she said, "he took to sleeping in the fireplace. It was for the through draught."

raught is helpful, but water is an imperative in this hot weather. It should be available throughout the day, although dogs don't drink a lot more in tropical temperatures than in cool ones. Paul O'Grady (or the television personality Lily Savage) has been putting rock sulphur in the dog water to keep his shih-tzu, also called Buster, cool. "You can buy it from the local pet shop as a block and chip it off," he says. "It stops him panting."

I'm sorry to say, Paul, that you're wasting your money. It's an old wives tale that simply has no effect. Rock sulphur is totally insoluble in water and doesn't do anything.

Dogs lose very little water by perspiring -- the only sweat glands are on the tongue and between the toes - and panting, which is blowing out hot air, is the most important part of a dog's cooling system, followed by radiation from the skin. Any hot dog will lie flat out on his back, with his hairless tummy exposed so that any passing



Roy Hattersley and Buster: "He plods home like a dog of 85, even though he's only two years old"

excess heat. Peter Purves, the former Blue Peter presenter turned dog magazine editor, tells me he has shaved the stomach of his 13stone Newfoundland, Gulliver.

Every year a few dogs die from heat stroke - many of which are left, thoughtlessly, by their owners in a parked car. This is because, once the air temperature gets above 94F (34C), which it would be in a car, the air breathed in is nearly as hot as the air breathed out and ver Mimi. who died last week, found breeze can blow away some of the little heat is lost by radiation. The down is the answer.

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- if it rises to above 107F (42C), 5F above normal, it's critical, and, unless that dog is removed to a much cooler place, it will be in trouble.

Cold water on its feet and abdomen will help, as will a hosepipe shower, which could be a lifesaver. A dog suffering from heat stroke will need to see a vet, of

this. Parents of other Lucys, Alices Johns or Simons should look for a young puppy, seven or eight weeks old, as the first dog, so that the twoand four-legged youngsters can grow up together.

And a well-chosen, wellsocialised pup will grow up know ing it's bottom of the pack, and knowing that its young owner is

### A VET WRITES -

I read that some scientists Q reported an increased incidence of lung cancer in people who keep caged birds in their houses. Is this so?

A paper published in 1988 suggested it, but as far as I arn aware no one has followed it up or taken it very seriously. It was a survey in Holland of 49 lung cancer patients, 48 of whom were smokers. The one non-smoker kept cage birds. There is a possibility of catching ornithosis - a lung infection - from birds carrying this disease. Newly-imported parrots can be a source of trouble, but I don't believe there's any risk from healthy caged birds.

My Cavalier King Charles bitch has had an irritation on her lower jaw and under her chin for a year. The skin in this area is very pink and she rubs and paws at it continually. I've taken her to the vet and he suggested her to the ver and the suggested bathing her lips with dilute hydro-gen peroxide, which made her vonit, and prescribed an oint-ment followed by an oil. Neither helped. Both were labelled for external use only", so I used them sparingly because I was afraid she might swallow some. Her teeth have been checked; nothing wrong there. What can I do?

A Your description suggests "la-bial eczema" or "skin-fold dermatitis", caused by saliva or sticky food accumulating in the folds of skin beneath her chin. I don't think peroxide made her vomit; it acts by releasing oxygen, which has no emetic properties. Panic plus excess salivation are more credible causes. "For external use only does not imply a risk if tiny quantities are swallowed. It means don't pour it down her throat. My suggestions. Wash her face with gentle toilet soap or mild shampoo to remove all gooey material from the wrinkles below her chin. Ask your vet if the folds of skin could be flattened out by plastic surgery, and if cutting a small notch in her upper canine (eye) teeth would stop saliva runming down them on to her lips. Avoid gravy-soaked foods, which leave traces round her mouth, and keep her biscuit dish as far as possible from her water bowl. Baning biscuits when her face is wet can create an adhesive paste. This sticks to the hair round her lips and adds to the general goody mass.

Is it true that many white cats Q are deaff

There's an inherited deafness A in certain white cass, especially those with two blue eyes. White cats with one blue and one orange eye may be dear on the blue side but not on the orange side.

JAMES ALLCOCK

# Fan mail is pouring in for the star of the new BBC series Vets in Practice but he has eyes only for work

# Animal magnetism

looking at a perfect breed: nice even teeth. long lashes, strong hind-quarters and skin in good condition. I am faced with the back end of six Friesian cows lined up for inspection, but Steve Leonard, star of the new BBC series Vets in Practice, is the animal I am really interested in.

Leonard has become the most desirable vet in Britain. and hundreds of women have been sending fan mail und offering themselves as dates. Seeing him in action, the animal attraction is awesome. Not only is this newly qualified yet a professional, having studied nearly every night since he was 16 to get the academic qualifications, but he is sensitive, too - the sort of chap that every mother dreams her daughter will

You have to be sensitive to do this sort of work." Steve says, gamely inspecting the insides of a cow. When the cow nightens around the top of your arm it cuts off the blood supply and then it's hard to feel anything." It is clear why Steve was an ideal candidate for the original BBC series Vet School. His three brothers are all vets, his father is one and his mother would like to have been. but it was difficult looking after four buys under

five," he explains.

His winning smile and the fact that he tended to get his kit off and display his torso regularly (apparently the most hygienic way to scrub up before calving) also meant that he was voted one of Company magazine's top 50 bachelors.

Not that girls interest him as much as four-legged beasts. "I went to London for the Bachelors' Ball, but I didn't care for it," he says, "I played up to this image of a dim-winted northemer, and I wore a horrible checked rie and shirt."

Steve is not dim-witted the is, if anything, a little overconfidents, nor is he really a "northerner", having been born in Northern Ireland and brought up in Cheshire until he was in, when he was sent to King's School, Chester, "My



Paul Leonard prepares to inspect the rear end of a cow

parents are both from working-class backgrounds, but they decided that, to give us the best shot at getting into set school, we should all go to a called out on a Friday night to

private sixth form." Steve is on call three weekends in five. and on regular night duty. A typical weekend can see him

resuscitate a cat that has been poisoned by weed killer, performing emergency surgery on animals that have been crushed in car accidents and advising on abortive procedures for a herd of diseasestricken cows. It can be stressful - especially when he has to put animals down.

Although Steve has a house and car that come with the job. he sees a lot more muck than he does money, earning about

As a result, his life is far from glamorous; in his spare time, if he is not playing rugby or basketball at the end of a hard day, he usually goes home and falls asleep in front of the television.

e has no complaints about being a bache-lor, however, as he lives life exactly as he wants to. Not only does he have strict beliefs about eating animals and using them for medical research - he is a vegetarian and a firm believer in complementary medicine - but he does not drink, and cannot understand men going out with girls just for the sake of it. "I'm not saying I'd turn down Miss Perfect, but at the moment I'm quite happy on my own," he says.

One gets the distinct impres-sion that Sieve's Miss Perfect would have to emulate his mother. "Mum has always been a social reactionary and would never let things go. She now lectures at Keele University. She was the main driving

force behind all of us." Steve admits that he lacks the social graces to impress the ladies in London (one fashion editor at the Bachelors' Ball said "this man needs a good woman"), but he is at least socially aware. Aged five, he had ambitions to become a priest, but since then he has only ever wanted to be a vet. You wouldn't do it for the money. It's a way of life," he

He knows he is doing some thing for society, too. The code of conduct for vets says that they have to treat animals. even though they know the owners will often not be able to pay the bill. "But it's still important that we do that, even if it is emotional blackmail," he says.

Steve is probably one of the most emotionally stable young men you could hope to meet and a lot of it probably has to do with his apparent disinter-

est in girls. The best female company are my three cats at home," he says, grinning. "They're very affectionate and they don't argue back."

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Annette Crosbie with greyhounds at an NCDL centre

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n the narrow, stone-flagged path between the Royal Naval College at Greenwich and the river, a yelling midget is gesticulating with her rolled-up umbrella at a company of plump, flustered American tourists. Hot and unhappy, they form an impenetrable wall of flesh across the thoroughfare. Beyond them is another group, and another and another. The entire waterfront is clogged with sweaty humanity. wondering what the hell it is doing there. All over London, the pavements have acquired a sticky, glistening patina. On the filthy kerbs crouch freshal families. browsing on poison burgers and firzy: drinks. Late summer in the city—and I wish I were anywhere but here.

Every time I go away for a couple of weeks it is the same. Other people go to museums and art galleries on their holidays. I go to estate agents, brooding-over other possible lives — in a tarsmelling loft overlooking a harbour, or a creeper-hung, red-brick dower house. Then I get back home to Greenwich, and the Gloire de Dijon is in bloom around the door, and I think, oh actually, it is quite nice after all. But out in the garden. in the hirid, purple-bronze London dosk,

Of knights and summertime bl from the local nightclub. In the small hours, I shall wake to the sound of the departing clubbers—the tinkle of broken glass, the crunch of fist on nose, the shrill

cries of "Ow, leave it, Dean, he's not worf it ... .. On Sundays, the nightchub gives way to an eerie ululation, expressive, it seemed to me when I first heard it, of infinite agitation and distress. It is the sound of a nearby congregation speaking in iongues, and it goes on for hours.

"Oooh, I simply can't stand another

minute of this." I mouned to Alexander's godmother. "I want a quiet life. I want to watch the heat haze drifting over fields of stubble. I want to keep Khakhi Campbells and Indian Runners. I never want to have to fish another Kentucky Fried Chicken carton out of the front hedge as long as I live."

Above all, I want more space. Snug as a ship's cabin in winter, in summer my house feels merely hot and cramped. My friend Charles put it to me straight

will ever fall in love with you." he said, writhing restlessly on one of the spindly chairs with which mv dolls-house rooms are furnished. because your furni-

ture is so uncomfortable." This brutal aperçu sends me straight off to check out my file of estate agents' details. Brooding about cavernous salons. filled with immense solas, I wonder if

might miss. Apart from the London Library, J think the only thing is the weird chivalry of London drivers. It was first pointed out to me by an Austrian friend. Having just been pursued down Trafalgar Road by a

there is anything about London that I

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ness does not hap-And in Hertford, Hereford and Hampshire, it also rarely happens.

Because I am vague, and preoccupied, I quite often drive into the kerb at speeds sufficient to burst my tyres. The first time I did it, I was halfway up a perpendicular provincial road. I had not changed a tyre before, and the undertaking struck me as

rather like those questions in the Civil Service exams, where you have to explain how you might get five soldiers across a river with the aid of a length of string and a stick of sealing wax. I dithered about, trying not to cry, while the local farmers thundered past in their Volvos and

Range ROVETS. Eventually, having worked out that it was advisable to loosen the wheel nuts before jacking the car up, I effected the change. We drove away. To my astonishment, the wheel did not fall off.

These days I can perform the whole operation in five minutes flat. so when I felt that familiar pop-andgrind on the approach to the Blackwall Tunnel one evening last week, I hopped out of the car and was just getting started when two nice Italian boys came over. They were waiting for a bus, they said, but in the meantime they would do this

nasty, dirty job for me. Now, the thing about bringing up a

constantly to deal, single-handed, with the most appalling crises. It breeds a habit of incorrigible competence, so that one doesn't quite know what to do with help and kindness when it is offered. So - no. no. said 1. no help was necessary.

Yes, yes, they insisted, and fiddled busily with the wheel until their bus arrived much to my relief, since I could see they'd got the jack upside down.

At this point. St Christopher appeared, lightly disguised as a young postman. Good heavens, I thought. This sort of helpful queue never forms when I break down in Stelling Minnis or Woolfardisworthy. "Er, you've got the jack upside down," he said. "Fancy that," said And you want to loosen the wheel nuts before you jack the car up. "Oh, really?" said I, "Let me do it," insisted \$t Christopher, "Oh, go on then," I said.

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So he did. And then, handing back the wheel brace with a courtly gesture, he remarked, "I really admire a woman who knows how to change her own wheel", and sent me on my way with a smile of such dazzling sweetness as almost to reconcile me to life in London filth, noise, swearing tourists and all.



"Just because I have the power to speak doesn't make me better than any other living creature," says Melinda Messenge

# Spiritual Messenger of our times

ask a male colleague who sits opposite me what is the first word that comes to mind when he hears the words "Melinda Messenger". His response is: "Chest". What about the silicone? That's just for the devotees." he says, "for people who know about such things. It's the large breasts. Everyone's

heard of her." But there is more to Melinda than meets the eye. In between touring Britain's coastal spots on a topless double-decker bus, presenting a Sky TV show and preparing to play Diana Dors in an ITV drama, she features in a new TV series called Headliners, in which she talks about morality and religion, of all things, and her inclination towards

Not that Melinda, 26, has a religious belief as such. It is the fact that she appears not to need one that is faintly unnerving. But in that comfortable lack of belief, she bears little difference to so many of her contemporaries, the generation largely lost to the churches.

These are the offspring of the Sixues generation, who seem cheerful and comfortable to be so lost. In vain do the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, and other church leaders condemn repeatedly the "pick 'n' mix" spirituality of the New Age. Unless burdened with a distaste for girls who are photographed taking their clothes off, and sadly Melinda's mother is one who seems to harbour such a dislike, there seems little to condemn in Melinda. "A bit of a giri for our times," says producer

Doug Carnegie. She has a carefully worked out morality which centres on not hurting people or animals, even bugs. She is intelligent, level-headed, beautiful and faithful to her boyfriend Wayne, whom she has been seeing for two years. She does not seem the type to go down the well-travelled road to ruin that begins with the catwalk, the road that leads to drugs, alcoholism, promiscuity.

et she picks and mixes her spirituality without remorse. If the church leaders are right, shouldn't she be miserable. suffering from her lack of belief? No such suffering eems apparent, Indeed, she appears more contented, more at ease with herself, than many of her peers who do find their way back to church. Of

There's more to Melinda Messenger than

meets the eye, says Ruth Gledhill





Lisa Potts and Clare Short also find comfort in their faith

that it is all some fabulous act of make-believe. But even if that is so, she must then have a great future in Hollywood.

Melinda has no religion, but she has faith in life, she tells presenter Anne Diamond. She also believes in life after death. Ido believe that we go on," she says, "I am not sure where we go on to, whether it is Heaven or whether it is somewhere that is still within this Earth or another dimension. But I do believe people have a spirit. and the spirit will go on and there is something there."

She does not have faith in God, but confesses: "There is some sort of entity, some sort

She is confused by the profusion of religious choice in today's society. There are so many religions. If I had to pick one, then it would be Buddhism. That is the one I feel most comfortable with." For example, she says, she believes even the smallest creature should be allowed to live, "I don't kill a bug just because I don't like it," she says. "I allow it to live. Everything has got its place. Just because I have the power to speak doesn't make me better than any other living

These days Melinda is making a great deal more than the £23,000 she carned as an office manager when a double-glazing firm featured her in posters on a bus shelter. The posters kept disappearing, sales shot up and the company took on more staff, while Melinda shot to stardom on

ary of the pitfalls. her options carefully, she says. But she thought about what was being offered, and decided to go for it. It was not a decision made cynically. "It is not for the money. It is for having a different life," she says, "If I had turned it down. then what regrets would I

have? I would still be going to work every day, nine-to-five. Monday to Friday. I would not have gone to the places I have gone to. I also know if I don't like it, I can go back to normal

Beneath the breasts, the blonde hair, the bravado, is a young woman living her life by definite spiritual and moral principles. "I was quite astonished when I met her," says Doug Carnegie, "Her character comes across as classic West Country Quaker. She knows right from wrong. She clearly is not stupid. There is something quite candide about her."

On Monday, Melinda sets off on another roadshow for The Sun, which dubbed her the "Girl for the Thrillennium". She begins in Weymouth, finishing on Friday in Blackpool. Melinda Messenger might not be as famous as Madonna or as rich as the Spice Girls. But the exceptional quality of her unexceptional life makes her truly an icon of the New Age.

In addition to Melinda, Lisa Potts, the Wolverhampton nursery nurse who protected children by taking the brunt of a frenzjed machete attack, and Clare Short, the Overseas Development Secretary, appear in the series Headliners, which starts tomorrow in Central Region. Ms Potts describes how her faith has helped her to recover. Although no longer a nursery nurse, she believes it was God's wish that she was there on that day to protect the youngsters. And Ms Short describes how Catholicism has helped her in her multicultural Birmingham con-

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# Message from a Congo missionary



weight, drunk, middie aged men glared at me as I walked to Mass in the Roman Catholic parish church in Sheerness, a

seaside resort in Kent. The beach was almost empty, apart from the occasional mother or grandmother shepherding small children to and from the brown, seaweedy water. Unpromising flats and houses in the local estate agents windows were unbelievably cheap. Business at the local pawnbrokers appeared brisk.

Father Felicien Ilunga Mbala, from the Congo. is filling in as a "supply" priest at Sheerness, where the parish is about to go into interregnum as the priest departs for pastures new. Fluent in French and his native African tongue, his plan was to brush up on his English to help him with his studies at the prestigious Louvain University in ligium. But his days so far in this land of hope and glory" seem to have An African supply priest is bringing a multicultural message to Sheerness



Father M'bala celebrating Mass

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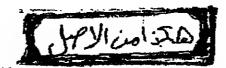
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exotic talent. But inside the church left him faintly bemused. He regards the bleakness of the town is relieved himself as a product of European by hope. The stame of the Virgin Mary is decked with flowers and the missionary activity in deepest Africa. and has clearly decided to view his stay in Britain as a chance to give stations of the cross are painted in icecream colours. The pews shine with back some of what he was given. polish. The congregation is friendly.

Father M'bala apologises before we begin. "My English is not perfect. I do my best to speak," he says, but he is easily understood. For a Monday midday service, the

church is surprisingly full, with a congregation chiefly of young and older women. "Welcome, brothers and sisters, to this Mass," says Father M'bala, 39, who preaches on the mandate: "Follow me". Afterwards, parishioners described the value they placed on the work of priests from abroad. "It is nice to have experience of different cultures," said Annie Pond. 87, who was married in the church in 1936 and has served as a housekeeper for a number of its priests. Jenny Walls, a mother of five, said: "The foreign priests bring something to us. It is strange. We went out as missionaries to them, and now they are reminding us of what we have forgotten."

■ St Henry and St Elizabeth, The Broadway, Sheerness, Kent ME12 ITS



# 'Soil has none of the romance of the badger, butterfly, red squirrel or bat; no one sells flags to support it, but it is fundamental to life'

Back to basics. Will everyone, please, at some stage during the next few days, take hold of a handful of soil and show it some respect? Grab some, take a long, hard look at it. marvel at its workings, sing in praise of its chemistry, bless its bugs for being: and before placing it back on the ground.

say thank you. If ever the environment had a poor relation, it is the soil. It has none of the romance of the badger, butterfly, red squirrel or bat; no one sells flags to support it, its conservation attracts no glitzy corporate money. Only one charity. the Soil Association, takes it seriously; yet even in enlightened times the association has to struggle to campaign for its maintenance by organic methods.

But soil is as fundamental to the maintenance of life on earth as more modish concerns, such as the disposition of the ozone layer, or the carbon monoxide levels in our summer air. You'd think there was something fifthy about soil, the way we turn up our noses at it. Numbers has the point been better made than by the actions of a supermarket attempting to expand its car park ig the dirt and give than

near Stockport, Cheshire, and of councillors in Warwickshire who refuse to remember the earthy foundations of their new housing estate. Let us take the supermarket first

In a plan to expand a car park, it became clear that an adjoining set of allotments would have to be sacrificed. The gardeners disagreed. Not because objected to the inconvenience of their plots being moved down the road to another site at the supermarket's expense, nor because the £1,000 they were each offered was considered patronising. They objected because they did not want to leave behind some of the finest growing soil to be found for miles around. They had created it over years by their own efforts and watered it with the sweat from their own brows. They manured it. weeded it. dug it, forked it over, and were careful not to overwork it when wet. They treated it as precious, and in their hands it has become so, as valuable as gold dust with a guaranteed return over successive harvests. Such a loss could not be compensated with petty cash.

Now, had it been a public park, water meadow or owl sanctuary which the supermarket people were planning to flatten, there would have been an outery and another march to Hyde Park. But it

was only soil, in which allotment holders grew vegetables, so nobody rushed to their support. They are dismissed as eccentrics. But imagine if you were one of those growers a couple of years hence, knowing that what was once your precious soil was now buried deep

beneath the over-lit. DOWN TO EARTH air-conditioned vegetable department. Would it not make you weep, to reach for a shrink-

wrapped cabbage which had travelled halfway around the world and know that beneath your feet once grew greens, greener in every sense than anything bought in a superstore? I hope those lads stick to their

guns. On the same theme, it is time to pour shame on the town councillors of Whitnash, Warwickshire, where a housing estate is being built on the former site of the South Learnington allotments. Bad enough that it went ahead in the first place, but at least the builders had the sensitivity to understand that one person's housing gain was another's environmental loss. By way of memorial, the developers suggested that the street names on the new estate should reflect the honourable history of the patch of land. This gave rise to suggestions of Turnip Drive and Parsnip Road. It showed their heart was in the right place, even if imaginations were on holiday.

The local council was quick to respond with a raspberry, sniggering. Who wants to live in Artichoke Avenue?". Councillor: Bernard Kirton went even further by saying: "We reckon this is taking the green philosophy a bit too far. I've dubbed the idea Spud Alley." There is no record as to what he has been dubbed in return. Mr

It is all so depressing, because it shows that, despite all the advances we think we have made in bringing ecological issues

before a wider public, despite all the boxes that have been rattled to fund the whale, the rainforest, the dolphin and the owl, we are no closer to an appreciation of, or respect for, the basic commodity on which life depends. No soil, no food, no

Intensive farming doesn't give a damn about soil. Short-term profit-seeking forces it into submission chemically and mechanically. If, one day, it should scream "enough, enough!" (as, arguably, the cows did when unnaturally fed animal by-products), where do we go to plant the crops? Dig up the supermarker?
Or perhaps remember the words of Lady
Eve Balfour, the author of The Living Soil and founder of the organic movement more than 60 years ago:

When a new generation has arisen, taught ... to value and conserve its soil then not only will our land have citizens worthy of it, but it will also be a land of happy and contented people for it is important to remember that happiness is a by-product. It is, moreover, a by-product of activity and not of ease. It cannot be found ready made. So dig the dirt: revere it.

Readers' letters are welcome on countryside matters of all kinds. Address them to: Paul Heiney, Weekend, The Times, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN. They are published on the first Saturday of the month.

# Wye river hits rock bottom

Despite a 37lb catch in June, salmon stocks are low, Alan Road reports

hen Chris Hordern pulled a 37lb salmon from the Wve near Builth Wells in the last week of June, word sped along the river bank like a hungry commissioni.

Philip Parkinson was telephoned within 20 minutes of the fish's demise. As vicechairman of the Wye Foundation, he hoped that the wettest June in 50 years was reviving the river's fortunes.

The 130-mile-long Wye has long been regarded as the most famous salmon river in England and Wales, its merits were chronicled in the 12th century by Giraldus Cambrensis, a Welsh cleric, and 500 years later by Izaak Walton in The Compleat Angler.

rod catches of salmon still totalled 7.000 and average size was 121b. Today catches have fallen to 2,000 and average size is down to 8lb. A 4ft-long. nicotine-stained cast of the last 37lb salmon caught hereabouts -- in 1986 -- glowers from the wall in the bar of the Griffin Inn at Llyswen, Powys. When Joseph Sinclair fol-lowed up the Builth catch with a 28ib saimon landed further downstream, hopes were again raised, but it takes more thun one decent-sized fish to make a summer for anglers. Joseph's father. Hubie, is an optimist: "I walk the river with my dog and upfil a week agn I saw a salmon leaping every



Richard Stockton casts his line: private estates meant a landowner and his guest could fish alone; now syndicates can mean three or four rods on the same stretch a day

day." Hubie believes that, like the economy, the river's probiems are cyclical and have "honomed out". Fishermen who congregate at the Griffin are less certain.

Gillie Bryn Davies does not

think the river will recover in salmon need the water to come his lifetime. He is 70 and could The odyssey that takes the usually guarantee to catch a

fish for his birthday on April two-year-old part down the 17. But not this year. "The Wye and out into the Atlantic. rains are not coming like they where it gorges in the feeding grounds off Greenland for up used to," he says. "And the to three years before returning to fight its way up-river to the

> fills Bryn with admiration. The Wye and the wherefore of the decline that has brought Bryn two blank years puzzles others in the bur of the Griffin. Landlord Richard Stockton blames the proliferation of fishermen like himself. Once, when the surrounding estates were all privately owned, a landowner might

very pool where it was born to

thrash a hole in the shale with

its powerful tail and bury eggs.

spend the odd weekend fishing with his gillie and a guest.
"Now, thanks to death duties and the splitting up of estates, the 'old money' has had to syndicate the water." he says. Three or four rods could be fishing the same stretch every day of the season, "If you compound that all the way down the river, you can see the extent of the problem."

For Philip Parkinson the problem is that every angler believes he has an unique insight into the causes and solution of the problems. As he is a graduate in fisheries



One that didn't get away in 1986 in the bar of the Griffin

management with wide experience in the water industry. he is well qualified to provide a more dispassionate perspective. Little can be done locally about global warming that may be raising temperatures on the fishing grounds, or about the Greenlanders and the Irish and Welsh gill-net fishermen who intercept the salmon on their journeys, So the foundation concentrates on its own 130-mile beat.

A survey of the mass of tributaries in Plynlimon found many choked by fallen trees and branches. More than 200 of these blockages have been

removed in the past year, A more intractable problem is the poisoning of catchment areas by acid rain and the

planting of conifers. Farmers are to be encouruged - and financially assisted - to fence off streams and prevent stock eating vegetables that provides shade and cover for young fish. When more people were employed in farming, there was manpower to coppice the alders that ribbon the river and exclude sunlight.

Losses to poachers, cormo-

be limited. All these pieces of the ecological jigsaw are both labour-intensive and expensive, Mr Parkinson admits. Which is why the foundation

is busy raising money from anglers and fishery owners. We are fortunate that despite the current lack of salmon, fishing rights on the Wye are very expensive," he says. The river accommodates 120 significant owners, whose fisheries change hunds for up to £600,000. When the foundation recently issued them with voluntary assessments, based on the old local authority rating system, it met with a 90 per cent compliance, "It was

oute amazing."

One prescription for arresting the decline might be a catch-and-release policy: "If you bought in an outside consultant, not involved in the passion of angling, he would ask why fishermen worried about stocks of salmon kill the

fish they catch. Sadly, anglers often want to take their fish home to eat it or to show friends how cleve they are, "It's in the blood," says Mr Parkinson, who releases everything he catches and believes the policy will rentually catch on.

He warns: "Either we tackle these problems or shrug our

# rants and the goosander -- "an shoulders to the fact that there extremely efficient fish-eating won't be any more salmon and machine with wings" - must take up golf." JANE SPENCER MEADONS

Time to visit: On sunny days to see the dragonflies. OS reference: 379/019 Landranger, 166, · Also nearby: Waltham Abbey Museum, nature trails and bird hides and a timbered 15th-century building, now a quaint

DEBORAH KING

# A time of much hooting

### FEATHER MEDICINE

THE other night I heard a tawny owl hooting outside my house in Regent's Park in the middle of London. It was the usual haunting sound — a dear hoot, followed by a strange, throat-clearing noise, and then the long, tremulous hoot fading away. This was the first time for three years that I had heard one from my bedroom and I hope it is taking up a territory in the surrounding gardens, where

there always was one. In fact, this is the time of year when much hooting begins among tawny owis. The fledglings stay with their par-ents for several months, but now the young males are looking for territories and competing with older males for them. The owls hoot to announce their ownership of their realm, and in August and September can even engage in quite fierce nocturnal fights for land. In most years. there is not much new space available with a sufficiency of birds and rodents to feed on and many young owls die of starvation in the autumn.

Occasionally they hoot or even forage in the daytime. but they are generally birds of the night, and one only sees PETER BROWN



Tawny owis are territorial

them flitting past on dark, moth-like wings. One is most likely to get a view of them when they are caught in the headlights of a car. I remember coming up the drive of a house in the Lake District and suddenly seeing one on the ground in front of the house, orilliantly illuminated in the headlights. It stared at us, motionless, as we slowly drove nearer and we could see its large, dark eyes and what even such a learned work as The Birds of the Western Palaearctic calls its kind face". Finally it rose and slipped into the darkness.

IN THE COUNTRY, tawny owls feed mostly on mice and shrews, while in towns they prey on roosting sparrows and tits, and take rais whenever they see one. They have been known to agitate bushes with their wings to disturb the birds sleeping in them. They also eat earthworms on lawns. Wet and windy nights are difficult for them, because the slight sounds of the darkness on which they depend are harder to make out

They disappear in the day into ivy and thick foliage but they leave behind evidence that they are there, in the form of regurgitated pellets made of feather, fur and bone,

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# ON THE SPOT: WALTHAM ABBEY

The place: The Dragonfly Sanctuary, Waltham Abbey, Essex. The view: Dragonflus hover and skin: the gently flowing River Lee and ahead lies verdant meadowland leading to a rew of call conifers lining the horizon. The tower of Waltham Abbey pierces the skyline in the south-west. The appeal: Although close to the town, the sanctuary attracts

half of Britain's native species of dragonfly. Afficionados: Locals taking a stroll and nature lovers, some with picnic chairs, looking for a suitable spot.

Historical interest: The Norman town of Waltham Abbey lies on the Greenwich Meridian II degrees longitude and you can cross the line in Sun Street. The Abbey stands on the site of several churches, the last of which was built by King Harold and a stone denotes his reputed burial place. The oldest surviving house dates from 1400. Gunpowder was manufacsured here and the gunpowder mills, built in 1665, provided additional work during the Napoleonic wars between 1743

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# Packaged tales of the Dark Continent

The Gambia is not just beach heaven; real

Africa is here

too — if you look for it, says

Stephen: **McClarence** 

lame Alex Haley. Without his novel, Roots, Juffureh Roots, Juffureh would be just another West African village up-river in The Gambia. As it is, a procession of 200 lobster-pink tourists is making its slow, shoulder-bagged way along the jetty in the midday heat.

Their boat set off three hours ago from Banjul, the tiny capital of Africa's smallest country — a long, thin finger poking 300 miles into the side of Senegal. Up on deck, the first bottle of beer is rolling round at 9.30am. By liam, the suntan lotion is glistening in the glare. The tourists mostly on cheap packages are roasting gently and 21 noon, with Richard Clayderman smoothing over the PA. they peel themselves off their plastic chairs and step out on to the Juffurch jetty.

Hey, boss man, you com to see craft market?" No, they come to see Binta Kinte, an con of Gambian tourism. Haley traced his great-greatgrandfather, a deported slave, to this village and Madame Kinte, a woman of wizened antiquity, claims to be a direct descendant. The tourists trudge sweatily past corruga-ted iron huts and bleating cats and children plays under baobab trees ("How do

A self-appointed guide leads them to a thatched shelter where a young woman surs herself languidly from sleep. The tourists sit and wait for the Gambian equivalent of an audience with the Pope.

you like our small country?

Slowly a door opens and Madame Kinte emerges from the darkness carrying a crudely framed photograph of herself and Haley. It has been cut out of an in-flight magazine. She passes it round, the tourists photograph each offi-er with her and drop money in

a wicker basket. A hundred yards away, the Roots Stave Trade Museum documents the appalling conditions endured by the slaves shipped to America. The facts

— there were at least 20 million of them, one in three died on the ships - speak for . themselves, but the museum plans to extend its displays of neck shackles and leg irons.

"We want to recreate the interior of a slave ship." says Sam Samuel, a development worker at the museum. The sights, the sounds, the - er smells. And it will be interactive." So tourists can pretend to be slaves and slip on the manacles? "Oh yes," he nods

Tourism is crucial to The Gambia, but the country has boxed itself into a corner. For 30 years it has been the Costa del West Africa - a mass market for cheap holidays with no greater exertion than slapping on the sunblock, ring-pulling the lager can and turning the pages of a Danielle

Steel bestseller. Now there are dissenting voices. Some worry that most of the profits go straight to British tour companies without reaching the local economy. The companies dictate terms and when they pull out - as they did after a coup in

1994 — The Cambia suffers. Some tourists never stir from the cosy cocoon of their hotel compound (topless sunbathing and bingo in five languages) to glimpse the realities of Gambian life. Africa's third poorest country may only flash past the coach on the dispiriting half-hour drive

from the airport. They do what they want. eat what they want, drink





Children mingle with tourists in Juffureh, the Gambian village to which Alex Haley, the author of Roots, traced his great-great-grandfather. The village is now home to the Roots Slave Trade Museum

calls out from the front seat of

a Land Rover bumping along

the dusty roads. "Spotted eagle

owl! Grasshopper buzzard!

Usher's spine-tailed swift! On

what they want, without any reference to the local culture," says Louise Kempton, an Irish development worker who coordinates Gambia Tourism Concern, a campaigning group. "It's like the old colonialism."

She is worried about the social and environmental impact of mass tourism. Coastal erosion, perhaps caused by over-development is sweeping away some of the beaches. One hotel has imported 40,000 sandbags from Germany to protect its beach.

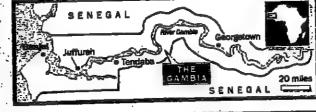
The Gambian Government is full of good intentions. It talks of diversifying into ecotourism to encourage more tourists. But it is still proud to announce four new beach hotels on its Atlantic coast.

here are many anomalies. The country's director of tourism. . Mho Cham; says the country is "safer than Kensington High Street"; but acknowledges that beach bumsters" plague tourists, touting for shops and tours.

A hotel owner laments the spread of "Coca-Cola culture", then settles back for his evening tourist show. It features Gambians doing Elvis Presley impersonations. European tourists apparently complain about too much African culture in the shows.

But there is another Gambia. More adventurous tourists buy packages and branch off independently maybe to the Kemoto Hotel, a garden village of African style huts (en-suite, naturally) 70 miles

up-river from the resorts. At midnight in the hotel, beyond the whirring fans and the chirping cicadas, there is a gentle lapping of water. A jetty teeters out into the River Gambia, here four miles wide. A tissue-paper moon glints on the water, the mangrove creeks stretch blackly out and distant drums thud in a stillness that is deep and vast. Suddenly this is the mystery of



### THE GAMBIA FACT FILE

The author traveller with the Gambia Hotel Association and First Choice Holidays (0161-742 2228), which offers a winter sun programme in The Gambia from November to April. One week's B&B at the Kombo Beach Novolel, flying from Gatwick or Manchester on November l, costs £379 per person, based Holidays throughout the season cost between £355

■ The Gambia Experience (01703 730888) has year round charter flights from Gatwick from £249 and from Manchester from £264 and sells package holidays. Thomson, Airtours, Cosmos and Sunworld also operate to The Gambia.

oristion: The Kombo Beach Novotel Hotel at Kotu Beach (00 220 465466) has double rooms from c39 a night excluding meals. The Kernoto Hotel (220) 460606) charges £41 a night for a double, full board. Tendaha Camp (fax 220 466180) charges £10 per person per night, excluding meals.

Further information: Gambia National Tourist Office, 57 Kensington Court, London W8 5DG (017)-



Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260)

recommends: Chaff in the Wind, by Ebou Dibba

(MacMillan, 64.25); Birdwatcher's Guide to the

Gambia, by Rod Ward (Prion, Huntingdon, 19.75);

Insight Guide, Gambia and Senegal (£13.99).

Clive Barlow, a Lancashire Africa, a hint of Conrad's man over here for 12 years, is Heart of Darkness. an ideal guide. As co-author of Kemoto and the similar Field Guide to the Birds of Tendaba Camp nearby are The Gambia, a handbook among the best places to coming out next month, he sample the 560 species of birds leads safaris through the bush that make The Gambia one of in a battered pair of suede Africa's most treasured and boois. "Egyptian vulture!" he

the must-see list." It is dusk and families are sitting around fires outside their huts. A bush baby scrambles up a tree next to a termites' nest. Birds flash across the headlights like flying rainbows. Barlow stops the Land Rover and trains his

searchlight on a long-tailed nightjar squatting uncon-cernedly on the road. And that animal over there, Clive? "A goat . . . a very small goat." t Tendaba he hires a boat to chug quietly up the mangrove creeks. The mangroves stretch 15 miles back

the area is uncharted. Birds swoop and shriek. otters scuttle and Barlow leans back in the boat, hands behind his head like the Lord of the Mangroves. Suddenly: "Wow wow wow wow wow!" [t is the call of the Greater British Ornithologist spotting a blue fairy flycatcher. "And that's a vinaceous collared dove. The colonials used to call

it the 'time-to-go-home bird'.

from the mudflats. Much of

When its call finally drove you nuts, it was time to go home." The British colonials finally went home in 1965 after granting independence to The Gambia. Their capital, Bathurst, was renamed Banjul but little else seems to have changed. A dusty Union Jack is propped up in a dark corner of a museum mostly dedicated to fertility beads, circumcision sticks and antelope masks. A cluster of photographs shows the British commissioners and governors in all their braid and epaulettes. These were the days of diplomatic scholarship. Sir Herbert Richmond Palmer, governor from 1930 to 1933, found time to publish Carthaginian Voyages to West Africa in 500 BC. One to read when you've finished the

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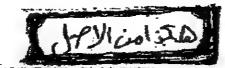
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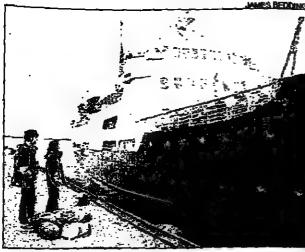


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# Norway: John Carter heads for the Arctic Circle, only to find Europe's northernmost point has moved.



The Kong Harald seems too posh to be a working boat

# Sailing north to the sun

take us the few short miles to our destination. We drove across a stark landscape dotted with grazing reindeer and up to the plateau whose cliffs dropped sheer for more than a thousand feet into the loamflecked grey waves that surged

Here was the souvenir shop and the restaurant and the museum, and the post office where cards receive a special cancellation mark, Here was where everyone posed for photographs against the Compass Globe monument standing boldly on the clifftop.

friends at home that you had travelled to North Cape - "the northernmost point of Europe". The only fly in the Norwegian ointment is that North Cape is not the northernmost point of Europe. That distinction belongs to Knivskjellodden, a small headland a mile or so to the west. "Why do you pretend that this is the spot instead of taking people to the real northernmost point?" I asked our guide.

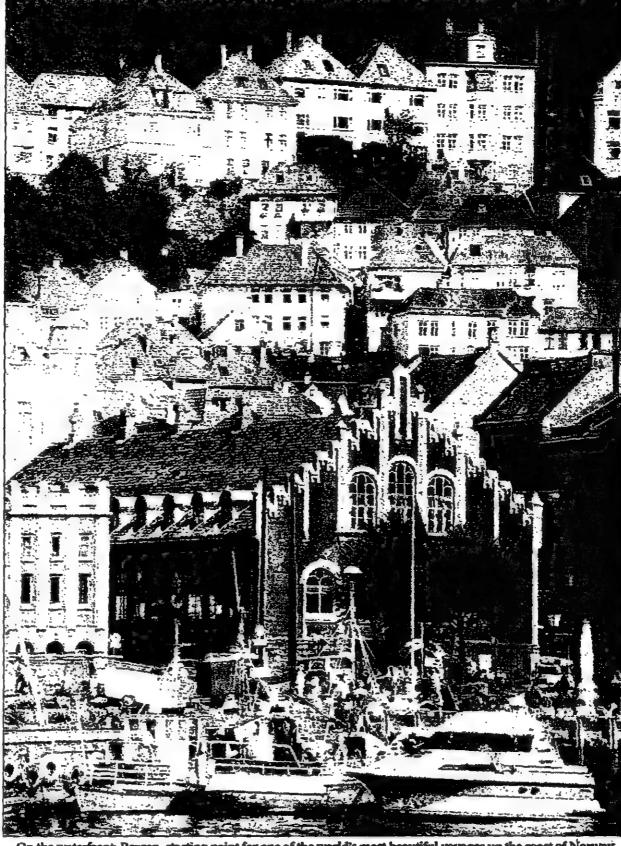
He thought for a moment. "I think maybe because this is restaurant have been built," he replied slowly. "And the toilets - they are very important."

It was one of those bizarre against the gale on a spot that has frequently, and correctly, been described as the edge of the world, arguing with a smiling Norwegian that the location of the toilets is not as important as being honest about the geography.

reach Honningsvag, travelthat provide the Coastal Express service, or Hurtigruten between Bergen and Kirkenes The brochure claims this is the world's most beautiful sea voyage, and I would not argue, for the landscape is

It is a rugged coastline with deep fiords and cliffs that drop sheer to meet their reflections in mirror-calm waters. Rolling reen hills and distant mountains brood darkly as the clouds gather behind them. It is a landscape on which man has made little impact, although now and then you see the brightly painted wooden houses of some coastal outpost that is too tiny to merit a stop by our ship, but which is rved by smaller boats.

In summer it is a voyage through constant daylight, for night Sun. I was making the, journey just after midsummer, so I was, strictly speaking,



On the waterfront: Bergen, starting point for one of the world's most beautiful voyages up the coast of Norway

heading towards the land of the quarter-past-11 sun. I mentioned, didn't I, that I leaves the city every evening at 10.30 with a punctuality you could set your watch by, and

you don't have to be a genius to work out that a fleet of il ships can neatly operate an 11clockwork efficiency.

You can take the entire trip, up and back, in one go, and a

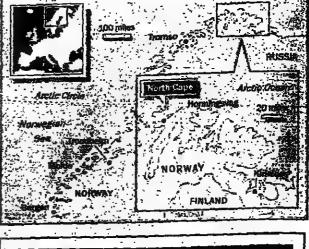
few of our fellow passengers were doing just that. Others were leaving the ship at differthe journey after as many days as they fancied — which is no problem with a regular daily sailing. We were a mixed bunch but there were only four

other passengers from Britain. "We don't get so many British on board because they associate cruises with sunshine," said one of the crew when i raised the point, "You think you can only enjoy a ship if you are in the Caribbean, or the eastern Mediterranean You think of Norway as a land of snow and ice. But you are wrong. Look around and see how wrong," We were, at that moment, sailing under a

To starboard was the main land, its green hills bathed in cliffs almost glowing as the sun began to drop towards a horizon that it would touch a unloaded.

Ahead and to port were some low islands among which a group of fishing boats were sailing. Breathing in the crisp, clean air and enjoying the warmth of the sun, I agreed with the crewman: They don't know what they're

This, though, is much more than a cruise. The ships of the Coastal Express fleet are working boats carrying passengers and freight between Bergen and Kirkenes. Some of



John Carter travelled with Norwegian Coastal Voy 371 4011), which offers the Voyage to the North" trip for £1.395 on the Rong Harnid, or on one of the older ships in the fleet for £995, during September. The price includes return flights to Bergen, the translet wasses interest flights and are addition to Bergen, the

Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) recommon Scandinavian and Baltic Europe (Lonely Planet, Ell.99).

The Norwegian Tourist Board (0171-839 6255) is at Cluries-House, 5 Lower Regent Street, London SWIY 4LR, and can send information about the Hurrigrufen.

them are getting towards ven-erable, others are virtually brand new, and they vary in size and style and standard of service: However, you can check them out in the brochure, take advice from a travel agent and arrange your departure date so as to catch hichever of the fleet takes

My choice was the Kong Harald (kong is Norwegian for king — which led to all sorts of problems when the film King Kong was shown there). Built in 1993, she carries about 500 passengers. eems too posh to be a working boat, yet does not have the full range of facilities you would expect from a fullyfledged cruise ship. The food and service were both first class and she had comfortable bars and public rooms. But there was no organised enterdivided their time between eating and drinking, admiring

the scenery and reading.

These is, of course, much more to this voyage than sailing past the scenery, and the trips ashore were generally worthwhile. Representatives offer sightseeing trips while the boat's cargo is loaded or

olde our first port of call, enjoys a remarkably summer climate, being southfacing and sheltered by mountains, and so earns its nickname. The Town of Roses" - Flowers are everywhere, in baskets hanging from lamp-posts, decorating shop fromts and roundabouts and bicoming magnificently

medieval cathedral, housing Norway's crown jewels, and the museum of music history at nearby Ringve.

Tromso, the capital of Arctic Norway, is known for obscure reasons as The Paris of the North — and no one could tell me why, for it looks less like Paris than anywhere, with the possible execution of Kath mandu. Nevertheless, there is plenty to interest the cruise passengers who have four or five hours to spare, such as the Tromsdal church, consecrated in 1965, a stark white building

On board, the only vaguely touristic event happened when we crossed the Arctic Circle on the fourth day from Bergen. The captain and the purser had told me and my friends that an Arctic baptism ceremo ny took place for those who pretty harmless jape, with lots of water and ice cubes poured down the necks of the unsus

"King Neptune does this," emlained the captain gravely. "He comes on board especial conspicatorially: "I let you into a secret. It is not King Nep

dress up and do this." My friends looked at each other. Then they all looked at me. Which is why, hext day, I tramped into the main lounge wearing a false beard and tin crown, swatned in oilskins and carrying a trident in order to pour very cold water down necks of assorted

The Italians squealed a lot. the elderly Americans endured it in silence, and the French were not good sports at

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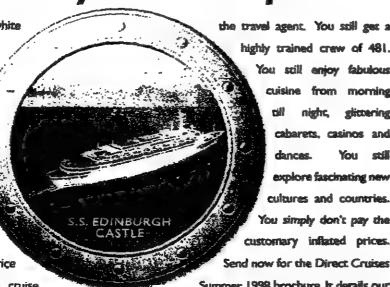
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# Kenya tourists upbeat

SCORES of travellers worried about the outbreak of violence in Mombasa have either been refunded or switched to other destinations. But for every cancellation to Kenya, another holidaymaker is willing to take a chance and travel, say

li cancellations for its charter flight departing tomorrow from Manchester and Gatwick. But the company's prod-uct manager, Declan Morton, said spare seats on the 358-seater A300 had since been resold at a nominal discount, We are in the middle of peak season and have easily resold the seats."

Thomson had 14 cancellations on its flight last Tuesday, while Kuoni has reported two cancelling and others switching to Tanzania or Zanzibar. But Kenya is experiencing a surge in popularity from the UK, with the country's tourist office predicting 10 per cent growth from the UK to 110,000 isitors this year.

And tour operators say that while they are monitoring the situation in Kenya and following Foreign Office advice. demand is filling space left by those who cancel

Jane Thornton, Kuoni's senior product manager said: "We are full until early September and still have bookings coming in for then. There have been occasions when we have even managed to pick up extra capacity because the Italian market has dropped off. The Italians seem to have been quicker to respond to the

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from Gatwick on September ), for £309. Who you might bump into: David Blunkett, Education and Employmen Secretary. IF YOU would prefer not so find politicians on the next sunbed, try these: Rave it up in Ibiza for

IF YOU want to join your MP on holiday, here's where to go:

four in an apartment at the Fattoria Canale villa in

Tuscany: A family of

Tuscany pay £1.786 for a week's self-catering.

leaving Gatwick on Au 30. Who you might

bump into: Martin Belk Chris Smith The Dordogne,

week in a converted windmill, through Best

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two weeks' self-catering.

person, self-catering Disnevworld offers a based in Orlando leaving Manchester on August 30, with Soak up the sun with

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after August, is nice and empty, and if you are thinking of seeing any of the wonderful sights in southern Spain, September and October are far

more pleasant than August." There is one final piece of had news for those MPs who have had to cancel their holidays; any claim they make on the cancellation section of their travel insurance policy is unlikely to succeed. The Association of British Insurers explained that if you book a holiday and then lose your job unexpectedly, your travel insurance policy will probably pay out if you then cancel the trip. "But losing or winning an election is an event that you can foresee, not a sudden, unexpected occurrence, so the insurer will probably not pay

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out," a spokesman said.



It's official:

summer hols

are sold out

ment are not the only ones finding it

difficult to book a last-minute

holiday. The rest of us are also having to hunt for bargains because there is very little left

The industry has finally hit the right balance between the

number of holidays it can sell

and the number of customers available. Holiday companies are still stung by the memory of summer 1995, when they

grussly over-estimated de-

mand and had to sell many holidays at rock-bottom

prices. Since then, they have reduced the number of summer packages on sale.

Keith Betton, at the Association of British Travel Agents

(ABTA), said another reason

for the shortage this year was

the dismal weather in Britain

earlier this summer, which pushed up demand for foreign

"If you are still looking for a

holiday and have not booked

yet, then you will have to be very flexible and take what is left." he said. What is left includes Greece, which has

suffered a drop in the number of foreign visitors after complaints about higher prices

and failing standards. Countries that are out of season in

our summer — such as Egypt,

which is extremely hot, and the Caribbean, which can be hot and humid - are also a good bet for a last-minute

bargain. But there is little left in Majorca and the Costa del

Sol in Spain, the most popular destinations this summer for

British holidaymakers, or in Turkey, where the cheap cost

of living is proving a lure for nearly one million of us.

Some companies have even increased the price of last-minute holidays, rather than

offering late bargains.

Airtours, the country's secondbiggest tour operator, has added £20 to the cost of

holidays bought and taken

ground," said Richard Car-

rick, marketing director of Airtours, "it is almost impossi-

ble to find anything for next

week, although there is some availability from the second

week of September on, once

Sue Ockwell, for the Associ-

ation of Independent Tour Operators, said those who can

wait until September or Octo-

ber to take their breaks (like

our MPs), will find far greater

choice. "If you go to Greece in

the school holidays are over."

on travel agents' shelves.

# Defeating the Tories spoilt a lot of travel plans, says Martha Linden, and late bookings are a headache



# Being elected is no holiday



legislative programme have left many MPs too busy to

book a holiday. The new

intake are at a particular

It's Prance for Nigel Griffiths; home for Nick Brown

disadvantage, as they are also preoccupied with finding actween Old Labour and New Government and Opposition. This commodation near Westminster and settling into their jobs. summer, the real parliament-Nick Brown, the Governary divide is between MPs who have hit the beach runment Chief Whip, has got to know the new Labour intake ning and these still scram-bling to book their holidays. The parliamentary recess from July 31 to October 27. inimately. I have not arranged anything yet — except for a week's paperwork in Westminster and a week dealmight be the longest in recent... ing with constituency busimemory, but a marathon elecness," he said. "A lot of the tion campaign and the break-neck passing the Government's new MPs are in the same boat. I would guess that at least half

have not made any travel arrangements." For many, a further prob-

lem is that they simply did not

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expect to be elected. Some had

booked holidays before the

election on the assumption they would still be in their old

jobs. In many cases, they have

had to cancel these breaks and

are finding it hard to book

anything else. Oona King, 29-year-old Lab-

our MP for Bethnal Green, lost £800 when she had to

cancel two package holidays.

She and her husband, Italian

film producer Tiberio Santo-

marco, had intended to head

to India until they found the

departure date coincided with

her parliamentary selection

meeting, five weeks before the

Shooting holidays III Australia and long haul

The Caribbean

Concorde

Leaving a fax number with your secretary

Israel, still not expecting her to

he selected. When she was,

that plan also bit the dust. The

Holidays with friends general election. They then booked a holiday in Eilat.

couple are now planning a modest fortnight on the Greek isiand of Paimos next month. "We chose Patmos because we can get a cheap charter flight to Kos, and it is then just a two-hour ferry crossing to Patmos, said Ms King, "The great thing is that the hotel

only costs £5 a night."

Steve Webb, who until the general election was Professor of Social Policy at Bath University, was forced to cancel a holiday in Wales, booked for July, when he unexpectedly won Northavon for the Liberal Democrats. "It did not seem too bright an idea to be going on holiday during the Budget, which took place within our original holiday dates," he said. "We stood to lose nearly £600 when we had to cancel. but fortunately we were able to rebook with the same company." He is now taking a fortnight's holiday in Septem-

ber near Cardigan. Some of the new intake have found it so hard to let go of their pre-election jobs that they plan to go back to their old lives during the summer recess. Desmond Swayne, the new Conservative MP for New Forest West and a Territorial Army Major, is heading for Northumberland for a two-week TA camp in September. He and his family are not planning any holiday except a spot of "body boarding" - a form of

Perhaps the most extraordinary plan is that Labour MP, Laura Moffatt, a former nurse, who shifts at Crawley

surfing — in west



trained nurse and I miss the

work," she said. "This will give

me a real understanding of

Martin Bell and Chris Smith have been spotted in Tuscany Culture Minister Chris Smith.

what is going on in the NHS." he is not the only one keen to score Brownie points with her political masters. Welsh MPs have been urged to stay at home and campaign for devolution, so Welsh Secretary Ron Davies and Welsh Office Ministers Peter Hain and Wyn Griffiths are doing just that. Welsh Labour MPs

referendum on September 18 they will escape to Greece. For MPs who fought safe seats in the election, holiday planning has been a little easier. Many have been spotted in Tuscany, including Tony Blair (who has now moved on with his family to St

Rhodri and Julie Morgan are even caravanning through Wales to spread the devolution

message. However, after the

and received faxes while sitting on the beach.

many others had gone this far. "] cannot see them tucking their pagers into their swimming trunks and putting them 230 mode," he said. But the vast majority of MPs, especially the new ones, have been very enthusiastic about keeping in

and Leominster Tory Peter Temple-Morris. Martin Bell. the new MP for Tatton, is also there. "I had thought of going to Croatia, but too many people will recognise me," he There has been an interesting change," said Keith Betton, head of corporate affairs at the Association of British Travel Agents. "When the Conservatives were in power they went off to Tuscany and France on cultural

trips to places like Australia.
"Now Labour is in government and has moved closer to the Conservatives politically at the same time as going on The popularity of European holidays with New Labour may also be because MPs.

especially senior government

figures, must be reasonably

close to home in case a crisis

arises and they need to fly

holidays, and Labour MPs

were going off on long-haul

back. Many are also packing powerful GSM mobile phones, which receive calls throughout much of Europe. Consumer Affairs Minister Nigel Griffiths took a mobile Nokia fax phone and an Ericsson mobile phone with him on his holiday to La Rochelle, in France. He kept one attached to his swimming trunks

> Mr Brown doubted whether to vibrate



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# And Elena sends her love

our weeks after we got back from our holiday in Crete, a postcard dropped through the door. On the front we bunch of flowers and the words "I love you"; on the hack, a Greek stamp. What was this? Had my wife been indulging in a secret holiday romance? But no — the card was for our almost-two-yearold. Adam, and it was signed "Kisses, Elena".

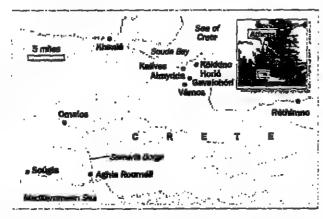
We had thought long and hard about where to take a toddler on holiday. We had wanted to fly - a last chance before his second birthday. after which you have to pay for a seat - but a long journey with a child on your lap would be too wearing. He would like a beach; we wanted to walk, it

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would be warm in May, where we could avoid the crowds and where we could eat out at

enjoyed Paxos, so we settled on a return to Greece - only one of the larger islands with direct flights. Crete sounded good, so we went to the specialist Simply Crete and

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out across Souda Bay, is perfect for families with small children. A long, gently shelv-ing beach of shallow water leads around from the fishing harbour to a smaller beach backed by tamarisks and a whitewashed shrine. Half a dozen tavernas lean over the you can dine well on salad, an assortment of starters, grilled fresh fish and wine - plus the inevitable glass of raki from

the owner - for £15 for two. There are two shops, a kiosk and a handful of bars enough for the village to be self-contained but not enough for it to feel spoilt. The baker. fishmonger and greengroces bring their produce around by truck, with old-fashioned scales hanging from the back.

A five-minute taxi ride — or a pleasant two-mile walk along the coast - leads to the larger resort of Kalives, where you can buy fresh olive bread and yesterday's English papers.

taying in a small vil-lage, Adam became our passport to the bours gave him lemons from the orchard and flowers from the garden; waiters presented him with fruit, biscuits and drinks. Children came round to our apartment to read his books and share his puzzles; all verbal barriers seemed to disappear in the universal language of childhood.

Then there was Elena. She had a café on the seafront, where the taxi drivers would sip ouzo between jobs and we would take our evening aperitifs. As we nibbled our meze, Adam and Elena made friends. Each day he would emerge from the kitchen. beaming and clutching his latest gift. On the day we left, presents and addresses were exchanged, tears were shed, and Elena promised to write. Hence the postcard. If you are reading this, Elena. Adam loves you too.

We spent our mornings walking on old mule tracks between the White Mountains (still snow-clad in May) and the sea. Poppies grew beneath silvery olive trees and the hedges sparkled with crown daisies and purple vetch. One day we walked to Gavalachori, where an old

Venetian-Turkish cottage has been turned into a village museum, full of local arrefacts, household goods, costumes and musical instruments. Another day we climbed to the hilltop hamlet of Kokkino Horio, where parts of Zorba the Greek were filmed. Donkeys still work the fields and in the village we drank coffee with the old men who sta

462, which offers deals during October, when the west the sea — are still warm.

The one-bedroom Armonia spartment in Almeritha, where the Kellys stayed, costs \$327 per person per week, based on four sharing, or \$425 for two weeks, based on two sharing. Prices are based on flights from Gatwick to Chanla; flights from Mauchasse cost £25 extra per person.

M Simply Crete also offers rooms at the Rodon Hotel in Chants where B&B costs £349 per person for one week, based on two sharing, flying from Gatwick. The two-bedroom Lefteris Villa at Stavnos costs 1477 per person for two weeks, based on four sharing, including car titre and

flights from Gatwick. Simply Crete makes a flat charge of 630 for children under two. E Car hire can be booked through Slimply Crete from £165 a week, or arranged locally in Almeritha for about £20 a day.

Other Cress specialists include Pure Cress (0181-760 0879) and Prenimer Holidays (01789 297705).

■ Reading: The Travel Bookshop (017)-229 5500) recommends: Zorba the Greek, by Nikos Kazantzakis (Raber and Faber, £5.99). Crate (Rough Guides, £8.99).



Tony Kelly and Adam, passport to the community

the world as if the film crew were still there attempting to capture a timeless Greek

On Saturday we took the bus to Chania, Crete's second city, to explore the weekly market - mounds of oranges and tomatoes, heaps of aubergines and courgettes, bunches of herbs and camomile flowers, bottles of raki del and dragon arum, shady which came with a health woods full of flowering thyme. warning: "it lit bit stroge".

ehind the covered market, shops in "Leather Alley" sold sandals for 15 and knee-length shepherds boots for £50. We had lunch at Pizza Hot (sic) beside the Venetian harbour, lined with trendy cafés where students played backgammon and sipped iced coffee while listening to loud rock music. A horse-and-carriage ride around the harbour (£7 for the family) was tremendous fun and the sort of thing you would be too embarrassed

to do without a child. The most memorable day trip was to the Samaria Gorge, Europe's longest, which drops 4,000 feet in just ten miles from the Omalos plateau to the Libyan Sea. A taxi left us in Chania at dawn, as the fishing

boats set sail and the last revellers stumbled out of the

By 8.30am the tour bus had dropped us at the top of the gorge, just beneath the snow line. The walk led down through a dozen different ecosystems with dramatically changing landscapes - how lush, now barren, now narrow, now wide, fields of aspho-

We filled our bottles with cool water from mountain springs: Eventually we reached a narrow pass where cliffs 1,000 feet high meet across a stream just a few feet wide. Six hours of steep descent, trying to hold your balance on slippery step-ping-stones with 30th of tod-dler on your back, is not everyone's idea of fun, but I

felt exhilarated. The garge ends at Ayia Roumeli, where a boat took us to Souvin and the bus journey back to Almeritha.

There we spent our mornings in the office groves and our afternoons on the beach. and went to cales and tavernas where we felt we were not just tourists but friends. And all because of a Zi-

month-old child. #TONY KELLY



The rugged limestone cliffs of Paxos's west coast

# Honeyed isle of olives and Pan's people

shines on every flower, de-scribing it in sharp detail, every stalk has its stradow.

Ve stayed on the edge of the

rainwater, stand outside most houses. Water is scarce on the island. There is one unreliable stream and a few springs. Until the early years of the shipped over from the mainland, drawn from brackish wells, or gathered in rock cisterns. Later, during French (and then British) rule, the

marvoirs were constructed. The baker makes rough, sour bread and there is an excellent, slightly granular local honey. The food in the tavernas was always good: a variety of fish, marinaded in olive oil, lemon and oregano, grilled over olive wood and vine dippings; hearty stews such as *stifudo*, rich and sweet with outous; diamonds of revant (almond and honey

cake), with coffee path to the windmill A was partially cobbled, smooth pehbles pressed into the clay and bounded by pale drystone walls. All around as grew prickly pear cass and Spanish broom, its flowers bursting like yellow flames. Blue carpenter bees flew around drunkenly, bumping into things.

From the windmill we

looked down over the harbour. Overgrown terraces stumbled towards the sea, blue heather and myrtle interrupted by cyprus trees. My son gathered spent cartridges, each a different colour. In earlier times, the islanders caught migratory doves by standing on roofs and waving nets. Now they blast them at close range.

Loggos is on the eastern side of Paxos. The western side is more rugged, less populated, its coastline of limestone cliffs punctuated with gaping cav-We wanted to look at the

Tripitos arch, which meant catching the bus (a chance) arrangement, because it can arrive and leave half an hour gent, because it can cartier than scheduled) to Zenebisatika. From there, the walk to the cliffs was easy, but we kept stopping to look at the wild flowers around our feet asphodels, Illyrian gladioli. creamy white cuckoo pint, dark leated mint, lambs tongues, love in the mist.



including return flights to Corfu and ferry transfer to Loggos. For children ago: two to 16, there is a £30

M Other tour operators to Paxios include Simply Ionism (0181-495 IIZI) and CV Travel (0171-581 0851),

Further information lines the Greek National Tourist Organisation, 4 Conduit Street, Landon WI B171-734 5997).

Reading: The Travel Bookshop (0171-229 5260) Paros, by John Gill decapes of Pa

scarlet and blue pimpernels.
Gradually, the landscape changed from olive groves to open hillside. We had a strong sense of the ancient world, as if the Argo might sail past at any

moment on its way to Ithaca. There is an intriguing legend about Paxos. One night in the 1st century AD. Thamus the Egyptian, the pilot of a passing ship, heard a loud wice calling from the cliffs, telling him that Pan was dead and urging him to relay the information to the mainland. Christians believe that the announcement was made on. the same night as the Crucifix ion and symbolises the passing of the old religion.

If Pan died that night, lesser satyrs have survived in the nd's folklore. Known as kallikanzaros, they are pixielike creatures with cloven hoofs and pointed ears. Their chief occupation is making mischief, leaving doors un-locked and furning milk sour.

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Manchester: music and a city makeover have spawned a bustling café society, says York Membery

# Why you should be here now...



Noel and Liam Gallagher of Oasis have helped to put Manchester back on the map but there is much more to celebrate than the music scene as the city strives to make the most of its heritage

to bask in the reflected glory of a night?

This burgeoning youth culcase, Oasis, whose latest album, Be Here Now, has just

The five piece group is Mancurious parallel, the city itself is enjoying a renaissance.

Ashamed as I am to admit

it. I'm one of those sad southerners who has been north of Watford only a hand. ful of times — and when I have, it has been to visit such places as Stratford-upon-Avon or Scotland, Like many south-erners, I associated Manchester with grey skies, a drab industrial landscape and urban decay. In fact, it has much to other the visions

much to offer the visitor, young or old. Most reenagers are familiar with the city's vibrant youth culture and thriving club scene - as belits somewhere: that has spawned as diverse a collection of musical talents as the Happy Mondays and M People, not to mention the Stone Roses, the Smiths, and,

of course, Oasis. But there's no

shortage of young pretenders

to Oasis's throne, with 6,000

young bands in the area. Who,

such as Night & Day, which

ture has been accompanied by an equally dramatic transfor-mation of formerly run-down inner cui areas into entertainchester's best-known export of ment centres, which make full the Nineties — and in a use of the attractive canal-side locations and handsome Victorian buildings to create a sort of Amsterdam of the North. The two places that best exemplify the exciting new Manchester arising from the ruins of the old are the socalled Gay Village around

Canal Street, and Castlefield. While the pink pound has helped to finance the transformation of the Canal Street area into a buzzing social spot. it is not overtly gay. If anything, heterosexuals outnumber homosexuals. Pubs. clubs. and stylish new restaurants: such as Mash & Air — the creation: of entrepreneur Oliver Peyton—and Mets line the Rochdale Canal and it is difficult to believe you are in the Manchester of popular mith when you're dining out

on a baliny summer's night. About 15 minutes walk south along the waterway, you reach Castlefield, until a few years ago a wasteland of



It's my round: Manchester's cafes and pubs are thriving

railway viaducts. Now the area, where the River Medlock meets the Bridgewater and Rochdale canals, has been spruced up and is home to trendy restaurant-bars such as Barca, part-owned by Simply Red star Mick Hucknall and a popular late-night haunt with Manchester United players. (However, be warned: autograph hunters are unwelcome.) Another place where you can rub shoulders with celebrities is the nearby

Oasis made their stage debut minus Noel Gallagher - six

years ago this month. Die-hard Oasis fans from as far afield as Japan now visit Manchester to follow the Oasis trail — with Blue Badge guide Jonathan Schofield organising a Poptastic tour of the city, which takes in the Burnage council estate where Liam and Noel grew up. Despite being portrayed in the tabloids as an inner-city slum. it is surprisingly leafy, and the Boardwalk, the club where Gallagher residence, with its

Some parts of the city particularly in the east - are still characterised by the sort of urban deprivation that is rarely found in southern England.

But the flip side to its years as an industrial dynamo. which dubbed Cottonopolis, is that Manchester is home to one of the prealest concentrations of Victorian and Edwardian architecture in Brit-

in for cups of tea.

For all the talk of youth

culture, Manchester's Victori-

an legacy is still very much in

evidence. It's a mixed legacy.

Pride of place must go to the Victorian Gothic masterpiece which is Manchester Town Hall. This magnificent building with its Big Ben-style

clock tower, which opened in 1877, was designed by Alfred Waterhouse. Architecturally, it is the nearest thing to a Parliament of the North - a testament to the city's wealth and belief that it was every bit the equal of London. The Great Hall inside, with its hammer-beam roof and Ford Madox Brown paintings, is open during the week and is well worth seeing.

Another fine example of odern Gothic architecture is the John Rylands Library in

process permitting the traveller to see that which he

has come to see and also to relax and explore other

parts of Rajasthan at an easy pace and at a time when

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freshly painted front door and Deansgate, dating back to the neat wooden fence, is a model 1890s, which houses one of the of suburban respectability. country's most important col-The stars' mother, Peggy, has lections of rare books and even been known to invite fans manuscripts,

Granted, the city might now be a hosen-potch of architectural styles ranging from the Gothic Victorian splendour of its older buildings to postwar abominations such as the Arndale Centre to the

£43 million post-modern Bridgewater Hall, the stun-

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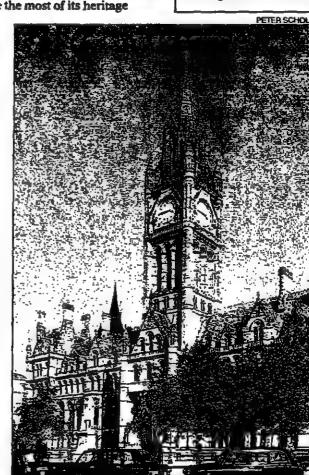
ning new home of the Haile Orchestra. But for every abomination, there is a gem waiting to be discovered, be it the Palace Hotel or the Methodist chapel in St Mary's Gate, which is now home to a Sticky Fingers restaurant What's more, the lessons of the past have been learnt and the great mills and warehouses of

yesteryear are now

being turned into

apartments or Canal' businesses rather than torn down. Manchester is also the perfect base from which to explore the North West. Salford Art Gallery, which houses the world's foremost collection of Lowry paintings, is on its doorstep. Liverpool, with its Beatles heritage, famed Mer-sey Ferry and Victorian architecture, is little over 30 miles to the west. And the beautiful Peak District is a stone's throw

> The heart of Manchester may have been ripped out by last year's IRA bomb, but the city is fighting back. It knows



Manchester Town Hall with its Big Ben-style tower

it can never be London, but its canals, architecture and Metrolink tram service help to give it a distinctive, almost Continental feel. There's a new air of optimism about the be a rallying cry for the place, which is confident that Manchester of the Nineties.

its future will be as great as its past. The new Oasis album Be Here Now may have been inspired by a John Lennon quip, but it could just as well

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dy lurid row/ Of smiths."

CRINKUM-CRANKUM (b) A word applied playfully to anything full of twists and turns, or intricately and fancifully elaborated. Cf. gimerack crankum - in and out." (a) A chapter of a book (or the like). A chapter or a capital city. From the Latin capitulum a little head, the diminutive of caput a head. "Bothas gan direct his sule/ To write the

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# AROUND THE WORLD: A WEEKEND GUIDE

# Live like a Shaker

THE newly restored Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill in Kentucky makes it possible for visitors to sample a taste of the old Shaker lifestyle and examine the sect's sturdy back-to-basics furniture, now so fashionable.

-- JILL CRAWSHAW'S TRAVEL TIPS

In the 1830s, 500 members of the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing lived in the village. Known as "Shakers" due to their trembling during their devotional dance, they believed in a simple, hard-working life of celibacy, adopting orphans to carry on their beliefs.

Rooms at the village cost £46 per night and Premier Holidays (01787 884031) can offer stays there on tailor-made self-drive holidays to the southern states. A ten-day package including flights, car hire and accommodation in Kentucky. Nashville and Memphis costs £745 per person.

### Treasure trove

THERE is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view the treasures of Mount Athos during a ten-day Macedonia Tour organised by Greek specialist Filoxenia (01422 375090). The tour in mid-September will be accompanied by archaeologist Mike Curtis.

To mark Thessaloniki's tenure as European Capital for Culture, the Byzantine Museum is displaying the priceless icons, frescoes and manuscripts which have not left Mount Athos for nearly a thousand years. The holy mountain is still occupied by monks and is forbidden territory to women. The tour, which costs £820 per person B&B, also takes in



Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, Mount Olympos, Pelia and the island of Thassos.

# Welsh history

THE Pennant family at Penrhyn Castle, near Bangor in Wales. developed their estate with profits from sugar and Welsh slate, their vast 19th-century neo-Norman casile a statement of their wealth and the almost feudal power they wielded over the community. Local reaction to the family and its beneficence has been ambiguous

The Yorke family at nearby Erdigg adopted a different outlook and a closer relationship with their servants; they actually gave them rooms with views over the gardens - almost unheard of in their day. Such Upstairs, Downstairs attitudes are the subject of a One Era. Two Attitudes? weekend (September 19-21), run by the National Trust and the Historical Association (0171-735 3901) at Bangor University, for £160. Day visits to Penrhyn are also

### Clinton-on-sea

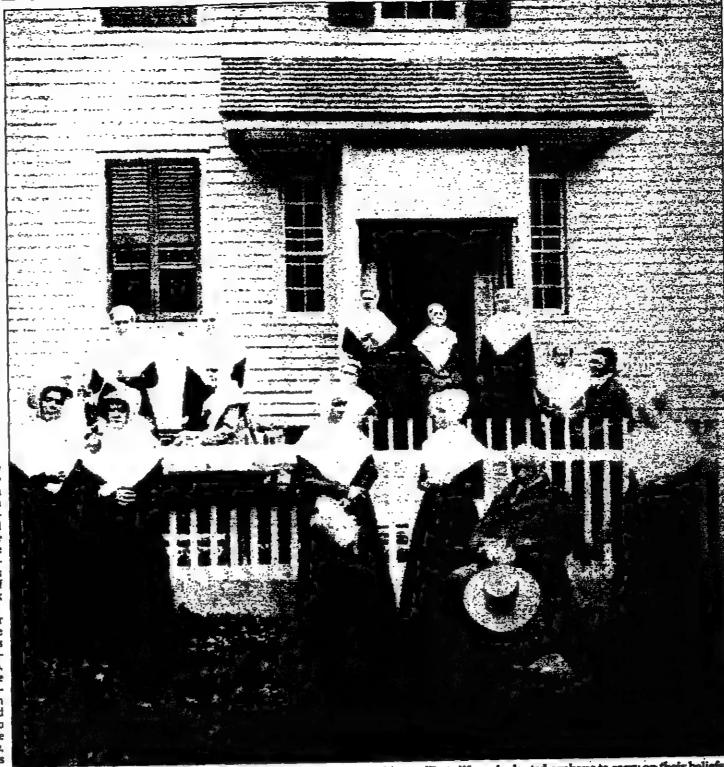


WHILE Tony Blair and family have received a warm reception during their holiday in Italy and

17), not all New Englanders are ecstatic about the brouhaha surrounding President Bill Clinton's holiday in Martha's Vineyard off Cape Cod, or his stopover at Block Island, 12 miles off Rhode Island.

Residents and regular summer visitors to Martha's Vineyard are still sensitive about the notorious Kennedy scandal at Chappaquiddick, although it was 30 years ago. and do not welcome any more security men, police and photographers. Block Island, just seven miles by seven, is home to 150 bird species and 850 residents who alously preserve its simple life and green tourism. In any case, Mr Clinton, being a Democrat, is not the New Englanders' ideal cup of clam chowder - most prefer the Republican George Bush.

BOULOGNE, now bypassed by most cross-Channel traffic, is a much more attractive port than Calais. For the rest of this year it can be visited on a day trip, costing £18 for two people, from 15 railway stations in London and the South East. The offer is from Hoverspeed (0990 240241), using



Shaker women, photographed in 1895. They believed in a hard-working, celibate life and adopted orphans to carry on their beliefs

its 55-minute SeaCat service from Folkestone to Boulogne.

### African art

ONE of the world's largest collection of rock paintings - 3,000 or so vivid bird, seal and spoor illustrations — is scattered around the rocks at Twyfeliontein in Namibia. A visit there is included

October organised by culture specialist Prospect (0181-995 2151).

Also included on the tour is the White Lady in the Brandenberg footbills, the best-known example of Namibia's rock art, perhaps more famous for her interpretation than for her aesthetic appeal. She was christened the White Lady by one Abbé Breuil who believed her to be of European others are sure she is a

young African daubed in white for

a traditional ceremony.

The tour stays well off the Namibian tourist track, exploring newly discovered sites in the Erongo Mountains, parts of the Etosha Game Reserve not yet open to the public, Himbaland, home to the nomadic Himba tribe, and the remote Kaokoland. The price of the tour is £2,250 including food, accommodation, tips and flights.

### Snow tours

TWENTY-SIX small independent ski companies, offering resorts ranging from Antilianca in Chile and Chacaltaya in Bolivis to Zuoz and Zinal in Switzerland, are listed in the new Ski Directory from the Association of Indepencient Tour Operators (ALTO); available free from 0181-607 9080. Also included are firms offering

polar bear and whale watching, dog-sledding and winter journeys in the Arctic and summer skiing in the Andes, as well as beginners' and special family holidays.

Many AITO firms are direct-sell only, all are bonded for financial

SALZBURG Old City has been declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco - one of 506 sites in 105 countries. The official handover of the certificate will take place during Salzburg's Old City Festival on September 11 and 12. The Schonbrum Palace in Vienna has also been declared a World Heritage Site.

### Scotch fiesta

IN October, Edinburgh will host a festival somewhat less cerebral than the fiests currently taking place there. The first Edinburgh and Speyside Whisky Festival will feature blend-your-own-whisky sessions, whisky demos, "illicit coll mellow a whisky demos, "illicit coll mellow a whisky average whisky average whisky average whisky average." still walks", a whisky nosing competition ceilidhs and tastings. Festival visitors will be introduced to Gaelic whiskies "to taste unchilfiltered whisky ... that is, real whisky, as it used to be". More details from the International Scotch Whisky Festival Office (0131-556 7441).

### Talk Turkey

A MILLION holidaymakers from Britain will have visited Turkey this year, 16 per cent more than hast summer. There will be even more in 1998, according to Sumworld (0990 550440), particularly in Antalya, Belek and the Bodrum peninsula

Turkey's pride and joy, the new purpose-built resort of Belek, is timed at those who want quality hotel complexes with pools, children's clubs, activities, golf and almost no Turkish atmosphere. A week's half-board next summer will cost £299-£539 per person with Sunworld.

The airport at Bodrum is expected to be fully open for next sensor. At present most passengers fly into Dalaman, then face a three to four-hour bus transfer to Bodrum.

POCKET-SIZED Before which was British Honduras until 1981, is a new destination for 1998 from Knoni (01233 211606). It is 70 per cent covered by forests, boasts fine Mayan remains and has an policy. A week's Discovery Tour, or a week in a Mexicus beach resort, will cost from about £1,099 per person.

# The Times holiday jumbo crossword

- I Milton's work is included in review. a medley of English reading (8.8) 9 Frolicking like a blithe spirit? (10)
- 16 Put in again to collect bill (9) 17 Dances around because it's a comic
- performance (7.3.7) 18 Unfortunately I can exercise without
- achieving suppleness (7)
- 19 Very old festive occasion outsiders not admitted (5)
- 20 Body made more attractive by intake of juice (13)
- 21 Unsentimental view about soldier with respect to local loyalties (11)
- 23 In which all aboard were shipmates 25 Plant opening in mild summer (6)
- 27 Punjabi has eventually retired to address in India (5)
- 29 Ten Irish died at sea, cut off (12) 30 Begin to take in thread in operation
- 32 Shakespearean character actors in
- Othello, taking part (b) 33 Children caught playing this game
- get smacked (8.5) 34 At home with mathematical task, to
- put it briefly (2.3) 37 Censured by former unit and dis-
- charged (10) 38 Going away in old hat with fringe [8]
- 40 River bore is most mysterious (7) 42 Powerful shocks rocking Sumatra
- 44 The UN had ordered recruit from
- another company (4-4) 45 Small but generous contribution of
- champagne to strike (b.4) 48 Do so, for example, for some money
- 49 Enthusiasts for this activity rising to record numbers? (5-8)
- 51 Liable to change (h) 53 Stuck with boring task inside (S)
- 55 Remembered French as spoken by
- Monsieur (12) 57 Spanish drink port? Yes, in another
- country (5)
- 59 Feverish until cold disappeared. then went out (b)
- 60 Food in cans required metal (asten-
- 61 High-flyers getting inflationary rises
- 64 Improved standard in higher examination (8.5) 66 One who has no head for tranquil-
- 67 Shaw's major title role (7)
  - 68 Book produced by Leo's company.
  - with Jude newly put in charge (5.3.9) 69 How spineless creatures control their feelings, and can settle trouble
- 70 Those who have played around, say, find themselves in a hole here (10) 71 In which tides are near mean. however varying (13.3)

- I Change the wording appear rash (10)
- 2 Get hard with recitation when there's disorder, doing this (7.3.4.3) 3 Girl leading horse to browse (3.4)
- 4 Scandalous photo in extremely smutty case (5) 5 Old fighter dependent on network
- for his living (9) 6 Hunted animals on promontory
- without any joie de vivre (12) 7 In short this is it! (7.8)
- R Detailed account of mountaineer's
- disaster (11) 10 They may get thumbs down for
- H Stupid fellow's not started puzzle (b)
- 12 Like judge of underworld, heard somehow about a fine chap put
- 13 Extinct creature supplying island with fertiliser to put on (9)
- 14 This dam's achieved sustained generational production (5-11) 15 Sign to remove piece from model
- engine (4)
- 22 Cases heard (5.9) 24 Put one's view firmly and succeeded
- getting point over (5.3) 26 Fellow artist initially idly drew ducks and crow (4-1-6-3)
- 28 Colour party in US includes mounted soldier (S) 31 Fauntlerry, say, using line and new
- 33 A couple of birds finally found landing-place (4-4) 35 They help Old Bill to reveal unusual swindle with racehorses (i.lin)
- 36 Background article on former Liberal establishing a pattern (7.27) 39 Dictatorial railway regulator

organised minibus lines, too (0.9)

- 41 Artist put on one new layer of paint as protective cover (8) 43 As a rule, it's far from satisfactory
- 46 it's cool on the wagon (5) 47 Enter zone in turmoil about black oily compound (12)
- 50 Note craze between rivers for fruiterowing (1)) 52 Mr Dorrit was indebted for his time
- 54 Herb, endlessly striving for superiority, is pestering (9)
- 56 Open-minded type giving time to one side first, then to the other (9) 5% Island with very small population (8) 62 Detached state of individual vehicle
- in functorm (1) 63 Intermediary's attempt to contact the other side (b)
- 65 Struggle with survey (4) 67 African republic's game oppo kept in store (5)

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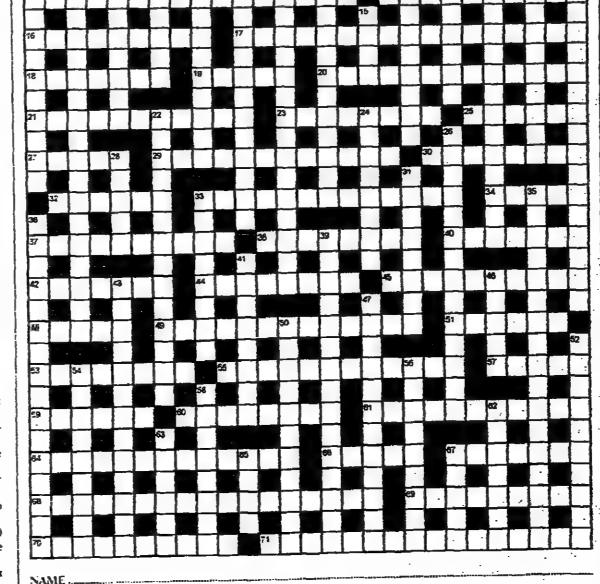
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# **Times Two August Bank Holiday Crossword**

There are no prizes for this crossword. The answers will be published on Monday.

ACROSS

1 Finest clothes (4,3,3,6)

boisterous (10). 16 Dilapidation (9)

17 I shant say how I know 11,6,4,4,2

18 Make smarter; (wind) go ਖ਼ਸ਼ (7) 19 Passage through sents (5)

26 Passive acceptance (3-10) 21 Reminding note (4-7)

23 Assess (8)

25 Associate (with) (6) 27 Gatehouse; deposit (5)

29 Make bad news palacable 5.3.4 39 Follow tourist trail (8)

33 Girlfriend of hoodlum (9.4) 34 Plinth; close (anag.) (5) 37 Browbeat (10)

32 Jap. hostess (6)

38 Wooden packing case (3-5) 40 interrupt, upser (7) 42 Arcade game (7)

44 Carry on (business) (8)

45 (Boat) capsize (4,6) 48 Unconcealed (5) 49 D H Lawrence 43-ish novel (4,3,6)

51 Presides over, furniture (6) 53 (Hair) not cut in short, even

style (8) 55 Caesar's telegram from Britain (4,4.4)

57 Civvies: Muslim jurist (5) 59 Veg. enticement (b) 60 Spectacular (8)

& Classification (II) 64 Britten comic opera; bright learner (anag.) (6.7)

66 Porcefully apply (5) 67 Rejection; (first) choice (7) 68 Únsuitability (17) .....

79 Gov't as parentsubstitute (5,5) 71 That's opvious (2.6,2.6)

69 Not clearly demonstrated

 I Hard, painful position 9 Wander aimlessly (5.5)

> Sîr Thomas

2 Provisional prison term

4 Strength; jeilled pig's head 5 Telling (tale) (9) 6 Handing over (12)

7 Passing-message

game (7,8) 8 Fruit, not a cooker (6,5) 10 Limb filer, bazel choc (8) Il Chib carrier (6)

12 Addresses (absent listener 13 Trainee priests (9)

14 Nerves, apprehension (3,6-15 Blood vessel (4)

22 Poultice (7,7) 24 Not in catalogue (8) 26 Died fighting (6.2,6)

28 Oaks course (5) 31 Outlines; curving shape (8

33 Irritate, criticise, a person 623 35 Attacks in response to at-

racks (7-10) 36 Wrong saying of word (16) 39 Unwekome intruder

(6,2,3,4)

42 Bosnia capital (8) 43 Own-life story (13)

46 Rid of weapons (5) 47 Cooked-meat shop (12) 50 Motorist's exam (7,4)

52 It is not to be publicly

54 Scality person (4-5) 56 Annoying things (9) 58 Vermin, thief, at docks (5.3)

62 Compel (observance) (7) 63 Gallet (6) 65 Baghdad its capital (4)

67 Repeated refrain

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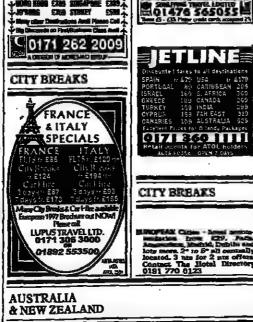
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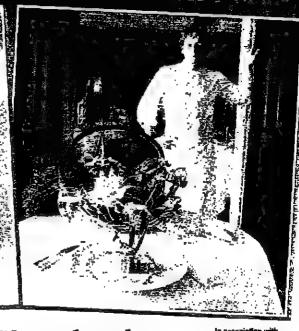
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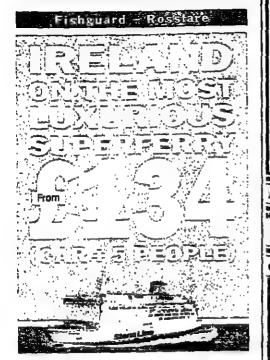
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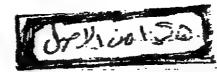
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McShane and others 7. At this stage it was ordained that a tie-breaker should occur, but even this failed to separate Adams and Sadler, who were declared joint champions by the British Chess Federation. Here is one of the decisive games from the play-off.

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White's handling of the opening has been infelicatous. In fact, he has succeeded in transposing into avariation of the Care-Kann Defence (I e4 c6) where White's king's knight would already have been on: f3. White now has to struggle to maintain equality,

9 Bd2 0-0 10 0-0-0 Qd5 Possibly too ambitious. An alterna- 2 京京京 tive is 10 ... Qb6. 11 Bc3 Gg5+ 11 ... Oxa2 12 Bxf6 would guaran-

tee White at least a draw. Justifi-" ably, Black aims for more. 12 Kb1 Nd5

li 12 ... Qxg2 again 13 Bxi6 damaging Black's kingside. 13 Be5 Cxg2

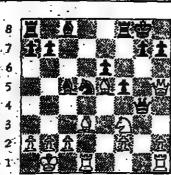
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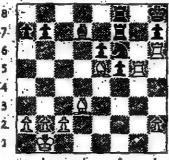
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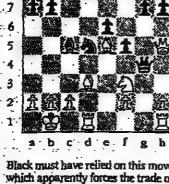


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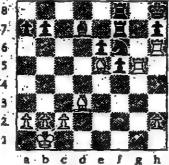
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17 Rxg7+Kb8 18 Rg5+ N86 19 Rxh5 Bxt2

The threat to capture on h? forces Black to part with his bishop. 22 ... Bxg5 23 Rgxg5 Rf7 24 Rh6 Rzf8

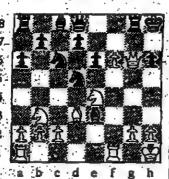


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spiralling should key players fall ill

Today's football relies as much

on an eye for big business as tactics on the pitch. Competent football

management sims are still surriris-

ingly low on the ground, despite a

plethora of regular footballing titles. Gremlin's Premier Man-

ager 97, for Windows 95 and part of

the Actua Sports Series, combines

both genres but cannot live up to

the claims of delivering "a new era

in football management", even if

you do choose from 92 clubs in the

English divisions. Commentary is

provided by good old Barry Davies but that does not compensate for

FIFA Soccer Manager features

7,500 players in the top divisions

from five of Europe's strongest

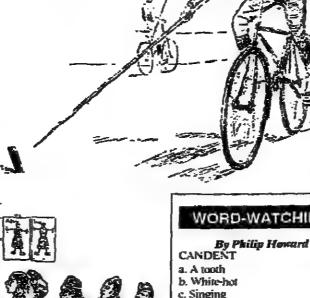
footballing nations. As well as

putting together the ultimate fan-

tasy team, you can also build then

modify your stadium with 300

or from favour.



"You must anticipate holidaymakers visiting Cyprus singly or in assorted groups"

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by G.Canning of Scarisbrick, Lancashire

pieces, from undersoil heat-

ing to luxurious facilities for

your faithful fans. Despite the

multiple options, the play

does little to fire the

**UEFA Champions League** 

1996/7, from Philips, is the

official computer game of the

UEFA Champions League of

the same year, with a histori-

cal database of players from

32 international teams. With

no management responsibil-

ities to tackle, the focus is

purely on matches and the

motion-captured players'

graphics look splendid, like

tiny moving coloured trans-

There is much variety in the

replays and TV style presentation. Bundled with the title is a

free goals video but, sadly, I found

coverage, with multiple

zooming camera shots, action

adrenalin.

# WORD-WATCHING

c. Singing

CRINKUM-CRANKUM a. A barrel organ

h. Twisted c. A riddle

CAPITLE a. A chapter

c. A cardinal's cap CUISH

a. Scottish Shut up b. To boil

c. A thigh-piece Answers on page 19

b. To capitulate

BRIDGE by Robert Sheehan

YOU are North with North-South game, rubber bridge, and East is the dealer. This is the auction::

What would you bid with this?

+9 ♥ A O 5 +A 6 5 +A K O J 5 2

Your options are Double (for takeout of course, much the best method), Four Clubs, and a bid which may surprise some readers. 3NT. The disadvantage of doubling is that South may feel nervous of hidding 3NT on say

#### eK42♥J743+Q4341052

in case North has a weaker hand. Four Clubs is too feeble to contemplate, so that brings us to 3NT. That may look odd with no spade stopper. However in this sequence West is quite likely to raise with anything in spades, and therefore South will have good spades often enough to make 3NT a good bet. I rate 3NT the best bid. I had a similar bidding problem

in this year's BBL Premier League. I held the hand above, but I was dealer at game all and this was the sequence:

East's intervention of Two Spades was "intermediate" — best described as an opening bid with a good six card suit.

With the extra round of bidding available, another bid came into the picture - Three Spades, asking stopper. Admittedly my hand only has eight tricks, and when the dummy is exposed in 3NT the defence will have the sense not to continue spades. But there are likely to be other chances. The gambling bid of 3NT is no longer necessary, and is less attrac-

South to bid 3NT if he had a spade

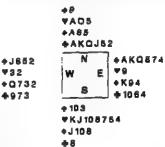
tive anyway. As East's bid showed some high cards. West would be less inclined to make a pre-emptive raise, so the inference that my partner had a spade stopper was weaker.

So I bid Three Spades. Now Senior bid Four Hearts. What should I bid now?

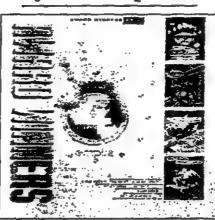


In practice I passed, but I missed an obvious point - South has volunteered Four Hearts when my hand might have been say: +97J2+AK4+AKQJ542

It was clear he had to have a good heart suit, at least six headed by the king. Hence I should have given him Six Hearts, the contract they bid at the other table. The full deal:



COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES



Empire's Award Winners No J. includes

Next Generation, Pro Pinball The Web and Screamer. Cricket 97 from EA Sports is

that more playable than the game. For a classic regular lookball title. Actua Soccer still takes some beating with its intoxicatingly droll commentary from Barry Davies. It is now available on Empire's budget four-disc CD-Rom compendium, Award Winners No I, which includes Star Trek: The

# by Tim Wapshott



Star Trek: The Next Generation

entertaining even if it does not exactly bowl you over. Running on Windows 95 or DOS, you dabble slightly in team management but this is really a game requiring good reflexes. There are variable skill levels and you can play Test Matches, One Day Internationals,

#### The World Challenge or opt for a Fast Match. You can also tackle one-day or Test Match games over a network or by modem. Richie Benaud



ard crazy paving. "DIY is booming," he explained, "and the Den Website will offer news of essential tools, skills and tips for popular DIY projects around the home such as electrics, plumbing, tiling, wallpapering, pa-

tios and ponds." Mr Emblem's site will cover "safety and legalities" plus "a confidence-boosting photo gallery of completed projects. Nigel Lamb of Edgware, Middlesex, hopes to make a small world even smaller. He wrote: "I would try to run a

website that would enable people around the world, who have lost contact with family or friends, to post messages on a virtual noticeboard with the aim of reestablishing contact."

Bula Adamolekun of Hampstead, north west London, is cofounder of the charity WMOF and she will use her site to publicise its work. "This is a charity aimed at increasing social awareness about the roles of Christian women in different walks of life," she said. The site will provide a forum for Christian women to discuss their experiences."

She added: "This web site will recognise the individual's right to privacy and opinion." There will be more winning entries next week plus news of the addresses for our winners' pages as each opens for business

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# THE LISTENER CROSSWORD. No 3424: Stack of Fruit by Corylus

#### The first part is given by 2 unclued answers; the second part is given cryptically by I unclued answer, the end of the last part is given cryptically by I unclued answer. The Il intermediate words occur in order as redundant words in the otherwise normal clues. No clue contains more than one redundant word. 2 other unclued answers given the ACROSS

Running if jumper had one dashing around (7) He heads Scottish drive to secure mine (6) Plant Oz animal in hospital department (6) Braved duringly? Could be that (6) Rugby finds Union Street has to lose efficiency by inactivity (4) Cut round bar, unimportant type (6) Mix-up cut old Irish scholar (4) Tortoises try edible shoots? (7) Hurried back round English close (4) Swiss banker's pithy saying (5)

Short metal supports (4) Cheese cut on a kind of board (7) That notion one put to divine Roman female (4)
Detain suspect swallowing poison in drink (11)
Squealing. "Small mixed gin!" (6)
Expression of surprise, for example, in our time (4) I am sadly returning spiced meat (6)

character (7, hyphenated) University's editor suppresses remark without publicity (12)

Moving quickly, sense having loss of energy (6) Keen 60 mins. in bed of rock (6) Failure keeps that woman an unadmirable

To press this close, top to bottom, is incorrect (4)

European climbing tree in good quick escaping (7) North-east continues dry, no longer bright (4)

To a worshipping figure nothing's organised before

Manual workers disable five services? (6) Greatly alter revolting Scottish cottage room (5)

Metal in Cairngorms? (4) Oil sent up to sailor (5)

Be brave, British and mature (4)

Scottish bush in valley - not dead (4) Dense gas covers mother guils (4)

Bean, European, pointed (4)

Wonderful recording put up by worker? (7)

people adored (4)

Sharp timeless cheat (5) Rushes to leave upper-class posh car, turns left (4)

Lime trees are not well when it comes up (5)

Reactive substance I dig up (5) One in English service to receive a salary (4)

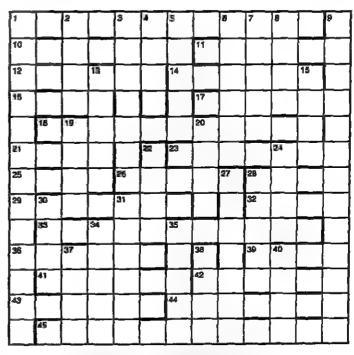
Chest there's cut away (in US), one old Norse

40 In Edinburgh presents judo costumes (4)

Answers with names missed: 7a DIS-IMP-ANNE-L. 32d UNH-ANDY. The winner is: Niall MacSweeney of

Dublin.

The five runners-up are: Peter Bush of Saffron Walden, Essex, T. Higham of Chorley, Lancs: A.Ray of Carmarthen; J.Brown of Leighton Buzzard. Bedforshire: J Fensome of Macclesfield. Cheshire.



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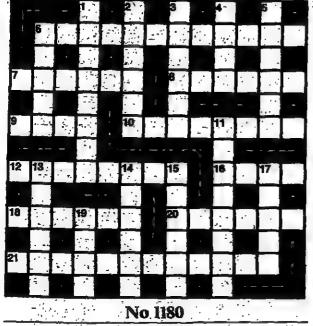


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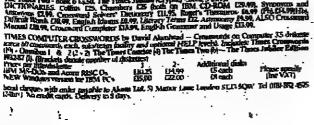
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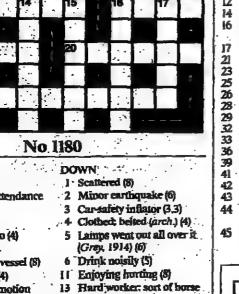
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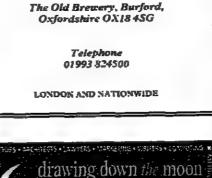
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Back seat or front: is anywhere now safe for baby?



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# BANK HOLIDAY SPECIAL: TOURING, BIKING AN

# Caravan is banned from modern life

We must now

go away:

"touring" in

marketing. land, reports

Kevin Eason

ust say the word and it steels the heart of even the most hardened motorist, conjuring up vianoraks, camptire sing-songs and traffic jams that go on for

miles at a snail's pace. But after 90 years, the end might have finally come for the word, if not the vehicle. For caravanners — for want of a better word — want to ban the vord "caravan".

Call it anything you like, from luxury mobile to touring home, but whatever you do. don't call it a caravan or you risk the wrath of makers and showroom owners alike who fear images of Carry on Camping with sodden fields, leaky roofs and a mile walk to communal tollets, will dam

in the spirit of marketing speak, nobody goes caravanning anymore; they go touring instead. Ah, so much micer. Now this is a change which will come as a cultural shock to about 285,000 dichard caravanners who have ers, or tourists, when they thought they were members of the Caravan Club.

ut even they must-have noticed the word slipping inexorably from the sales catalogues and advertisements, gradually exponged as though it might slip away from the memory to allow a bright new future to dawn.

Michael Hold, owner of Barrons Great Outdoors, Britain's biggest retailer of vehicles now not known - as caravans, banned the mention of the word from his showrooms in Durham, Lancashire and Cheshire, even putting a swear-box on the counter. One slip, one unsuspecting use of the C-word by one of his 140 staff meant a donation to

He reckoned sales improved once he got rid of the word caravan from the company title because the company was in fact provider of hours homes, mobile homes, touters, anything but the dreaded C-

Many manufacturers are so ensitive to the connotations of the word caravan that they are changing-their names to become makers of "leisure" or

recreational" vehicles. Only the Caravan Club plugs away with press releases bearing the fateful word, but then caravan entered its lexicon 90 years ago on formation of the club

In the heyday of caravan-ning, life-was so much simpler, mummy pouring tea while the children played bat and ball in the meadow. Families who caravanned together, stayed together through the thick and thin of Britain's unpredictable wea-

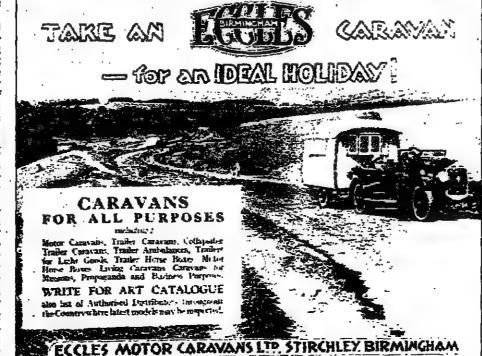


The way we were: enjoying all mod cons, albeit in a rather Heath Robinson fashion, in this luxury 1949 trailer

ther and a life which could be as spartan às a prison camp. Pictures show caravanners pple-cheeked, wearing sensisweaters and grinning manely into a distance that seemed to promise that there would be jam for tea every day, whatever the price of sterling on world markets and whether the Newbury bypass was built or not.

ow glossy press releases come from the Tourer Marketing Bureau, decorated with a classy logo. Touring is lifestyle and pictures are of sleek saloons on exotic mountains; tourers, or whatever people in not-thecaravans now are called, wear designer-label hiking gear and get ready to windsurf. Another piece of innocence lost in an

increasingly avaricious world? Maybe not, but if you get stuck behind one this weekend, whatever you do, mind your language and scream: "Get out of the way, you



Bay windows and breakdowns: the prewar leisure experience in an Eccles caravan



Plump duvet, smart dressing gown and a lovely view of the site: fun, Fifties-style



Jam yesterday: a 1960s family tea amid the big hair, rosy cheeks and dodgy curtains

# You can't pull in that shirt

shirts that closed down a thousand high street stores and gave caravanning a name that ranks in popular culture alongside the anorak

and prawn cocktail.

Who are caravanners? Who risks being reviled by neighbours. apparently abandoning common sense to hitch that huge box to the family hatchback? Kevin Eason asks.

See the reaction when you innocently tell people: "Just back from holiday. Took the caravan. actually. So easy. you know, just load it up and go."

You will only get to "carav ..." before your ques tioner glazes over and discovers a compelling reason why he or she should be in the kitchen/dining room/



Loud clothes, Ford Capri: yes. he was a professional

dashing home to get another drink/file for divorce/put the baby in the oven. know. You see, my

friend was a caravanner once: a rising young executive on the up-escalator of his career when this picture appeared in a national newspaper 20 years ago. Things were never the same again but with treatment both the caravan - and the shirt - have thankfully been consigned to the dustbin of

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# What's the con behind air-con?

f this sweltering, sticky old August reinforces the theory that global warming is really happening, something will also have to happen to car design beyond the steps already being taken to reduce fuel consumption and exhaust emissions. We may. for example, be seeing the end of the sunroof.

This has always been something of an oddity, although I would be sorry to see it disappear. True, in hot weather a sunroof lets through too much sun, which is why most of them now have blinds. But a sunroof can be cheering in gloomy weather and its tilt function remains the best way to change the air in the car without suffering the noise and wind caused by opening

But it sounds as if the car

DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION



Peter Barnard

the end of the sunroof, to judge by a quote in The Times this week. Alan Pulham, of the Retail Motor Industry Federation, said: "Sunroofs are noisy, they leak. They are strange things that grew up in this

visible extras so his car stood out in the street."

How every interesting. Even as we speak. I can think of at least one car commercial on television which offers a sunroof as part of the base price. A skim through the car magazines will reveal dozens of advertisements for cars which include the lure of a sunroof. None

In fairness. Mr Pulham's comments need to to be put in context. He was quoted in an article about air-conditioning in cars and he is undoubtedly right to imply that the means to produce cool air looks like being much more useful in the longer term than the means to let

I have had at least a dozen cars with sunroofs and only one of

of these ads, in my experience, carries the slogan: "Get a sunroof — it's noisy and it leaks."

caused by the drain on each side of the sunroof gutter becoming blocked. Noise? Not so much that one would be discomfitted.

Vauxhall Omega. So clearly British manufacturers Clearly the industry wants us all to rush out and fit the latest fad, have not yet taken on board the which is air-conditioning. I see warnings of Suzanne Charlton that the table of the ten coolest cars and co, or else they take the view in Britain, compiled by Lease Plan.

to the British is much like selling ice-cream in Alaska: an exercise has only one that costs less than £18,000 (the Renault Megane Scelikely to attract scepticism. Still. nic at £12.995) and none that is the percentage of cars with air-con British, unless you count the has almost doubled since 1990:

almost half now have it. There is a clear risk here that air-con will create the next great incar social divide. Already drivers with air-con sit at traffic lights in baking heat with their windows firmly closed, looking smug. They have invested from £400 to the best part of £2,000 in keeping cool, so good luck to them.

They will of course know the device has drawbacks. Because air-con is driven by the car's engine, it affects fuel efficiency and, to some extent, the car's performance, though as the technology develops, these downsides will be reduced or eliminated. And the cost? That will plummet.

It is already hard to tell exactly what air-on does cost, indeed, the device seems as much to do with marketing as cooling, for already dealers give "special offer" prices that include air-con, so that its true cost is buried within the total cost

But I am all for air-conditioning in cars and believe it should be standard in them all. This development would have the side benefit of reducing the hype associated with selling cars. But we should remember that all devices, from sunroofs to air-con, have disadvantages that the marketing tends not to mention.

Or to put it another way: I once lived in an apartment in Washington DC that had air-conditioning. It was noisy and it leaked.

### IN BRIEF

### New Astra takes on the old Escort

■ SLEEKER and bigger, the Vauxhall Astra will be ready to make its debut in British showrooms next spring Though the styling is already reminiscent of another new player, the Citroën Xsara, at least the Astra brings a more modern look to the Vauxhall range. The dart-like shape means better aerodynamics helping lead to what Vauxhall describes as "best ever" fuel consumption, with economy improved by 10 per cent.



Astra looks modern at last

There will be six petrol and two turbo-diesels to choose from, with more powerful Bosch anti-lock brakes plus a new safety package. A galvanised body means corrosion warranty has been extended to 12 years. The Astra has been one of Britain's favourite cars with 1.4 million sold since 1980 and the new one should give Ford's againg Escort a run for its money.

### Volvo's safe bumper cars



Eckerstein: no dummy

■ THIS CRASH-test dummy is Volvo vicepresident Sven Eckerstein putting Volvo cars through the dodgems test. The Liseberg amusement park in Gothenburg, Sweden, has bumper cars which look like classic Volvo PV60 and PV444 models, so Eckerstein went to test them for legendary Volvo safety.



A CRACKDOWN on tax dodgers has started. Clamping teams are patrolling London, and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency warns that offenders face big penalities: £68 to release the clamp. £135 impounding fee plus £12-a-day storage fees. Vehicles unclaimed after five weeks could be crushed.

# Smart reply to traffic

The answer to city congestion might be here: just Swatch this space, says Kevin Eason

ohn Prescott can throw away his Jaguar keys and pioneer the city car that sets a precedent for the vehicles we could be driv-

ing next century.
The deputy Prime Minister this week launched his transport Green Paper aimed at reducing the congestion throt-tling towns and cities. The Government's solution is likely in part to ban cars from city centres or introduce road tolls to clear the streets.

But the tiny Smart is the first in a series of vehicles that will offer an alternative way of moving around cities.

Almost two feet shorter than a Mini, the Smart is set to revolutionise the way we think about motoring on short journeys.

Mr Prescott said a major contributor to congestion is four and five-seat cars that block cities while containing just one driver. The Smart is a tiny two-seater, with a 600cc petrol engine, which takes up the space of half a hatchback.

mart's manufacturer. MCC, is a joint venture between the mould-breaking Swatch company and Mercedes-Benz. They will reveal the Smart at next month's Frankfurt Motor Show but these first pictures show that they have come up with a car which redefines the rules.

The three-cylinder engine is mounted transversely under the boot, tucked at a 48-degree angle to drive the back wheels. The driver gets a six-speed clutchless and sequential gearbox — a system that effectively allows a lever-push forward to go up the gears and back to go down again.

The engine's 55 brake horse power will be enough to propel a car that weighs just 680 kilos to 50mph in a creditable ten seconds while the top speed is electronically restricted to 80mph. No fuel economy figures yet, but engineers are working on a three-cylinder diesel that will return 40 miles to the gallon and more when

driving in town. Two ingredients should make Smart a saleabte proposition, particularly at a time when the Government is threatening to use taxes to punish users of gas-guzzlers and drivers demanding city

road space.

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TO ESCAPE ONE OF THE FORMETZ LEMANS DEVERES

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Smart goes on sale in eight countries next year at prices between £5.750 and £7,200. which means it will undercut even the current Mini and





Radically styled machine is shorter than a Mini, has an absternious motor and a surprisingly spacious cabin

challenge the Fiat Cinquecento for attention.

But the car also offers astonishing versatility for city drivers, particularly those who spend a long time motoring alone. The passenger seat folds flat or can be removed completely, while cabin room said to be better than a Volkswagen Pulo, Body panels, meanwhile, come in five different colours and are interchangeable.

There is a removable roof —

SIR JACK BRASHAM, WARVEL

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and if you want to hitch up some electrical equipment. there is a wall socket. While exterior styling is radical, the interiors are eve-sucking and will appeal to Twentysomethings and drivers with a sense of fun . . . a little like Mr Prescott, who is known to enjoy the odd jest.

When Smart goes on sale here in 1909, he could cheer himself up by exchanging that Jaguar's meaty petrol bills for a frugal, fun Smart.

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double-glazing entrepreneut killed the showroom, potenor stifled vawns when faced by a cold-calling roofer, the tial customers, will instead be ultimate challenge is now at hand: the door-to-door car

recoiled from a doorstep

visited by Daihatsu consul-tants. Full details of the Daihatsu model range, colour salesman, Vaughan Freeman schemes, engine details, speci-Instead of shopping for a fication and trim levels will all car at a showroom. Daihatsu be kept on the consultant's plans to put its sales staff in laptop, together with details of your front room, office - or financial packages. A test drive will be arranged and the anywhere cise you want to talk buying cars. car delivered to wherever the

The idea does away with customer stipulates. the traditional dealership For servicing and minor showroom, replacing it with a repairs, the customer needs team of consultants who carry only to phone the Daihatsu car details in powerful laptop freephone number, and the computers and who visit cuscar will be taken away, dealt tomers wherever they might with and then returned.

be to arrange test drives, sort Daihatsu spokesman Simon Small, says it's the best-way. The problem with city out finance and seal the deal. Known as City Daihatsu, it is part of the giant Inchcape centre dealerships is that it takes time to find the right network of dealer groups, but unlike its sister outlets seems sort of dealership, overheads at first consideration to lack a are high and the right few vital elements, like for

### AA GRIDLOCK GUIDE

· LONDON A306 Hammersmith Bridge, Closed both ways to general traffic. A406 Angel Edmonton. Major works at the A1010 Fore A237 Manor Road

Wallington, single alternate traffic at the junction with Melbourne Road. A1209 Bethnal Green Road, Long-term roadworks between Vallance Road between Vallance Road and Cambridge Heath Road. AS12 Faggs Road, Feltham, Camageway reduced to one lane each way due to long term bridge maintenance at Faggs Bridge, north of Staines Road, between 8am and 5pm. Richmond Park between Richmond Park between Kingston Gate and Ham gate, closed for roedworks. A2 Old Kent Road, New Cross, closed restrictions at various times. SOUTH-EAST A34 Berkshim, Contrallow

and narrow lanes with 40mph limit between M4 junction
13 and Newbury.
A4 Padworth, Serkshire.
Temporary lights at junction with A340. M40 Buckinghamahire Long-term roadworks with a junctions 1a (M25) and 3 (Wycomba East), A414 Harvordshire. Roadworks on St Albans Road, Hemel Hampstead. M2 Rochester, Kent. dworks with various lane M40 Oxfordshire. Resurfacing work between Wattington and Orderd.

Drivers heading to junction 8 of the M40 from Orderd are.

advised to use the A40 and A418. M25 Surrey. Restrictions mas surrey. restrouchs and lane closures both ways between Reigate and A2. A24 Findon Bypass, Lane closed northbound between Quadrangle and Long.

Furlong.

 SOUTH-WEST A38 Old Bedminster
Bridge, Bedminster. Mejor-roadworks with lane closures on Bedminster roundabout. M5 Bristol, Contradiow across Avonmouth bridge with 50mph limit. A432 Downland Road, Bristol. Temporary lights at junction with Croomes Hill and Shrubbery Road. A390 Comwell Lans the Trafelgar roundabout. A417 Maisemore Bridge,

Street closed. Diversions and MIDLANDS AND EAST ANGLIA A1 between Acombury Hill and Alwalton, Cembridgestire. Construction work with lane

Gloucestershire, Temporary

lights during bridge work. A356 Crywhame, North

closures, contratiow and 50mph limit. A134 Stradsett, Norfolk, roadworks at A122 junction. A1074 Norwich, Narrow lanes eastbound between Larkman Lane and Sweet Briar Road roundabout. A52 Beeston, Nottinghamshire, Major roadworks on Derby Road. Expect delays between Sherwin Arms and Priory roundabouts. A6 Leicestershire. Roadworks between M1 unction 24 and Sawley M54 Shropahira Contrallow with westbound traffic on the shoulder. estbound on to lanes 1 and 2 of westbound certiageway A50 Stoke on Trent: major rougworks in the Mair ares at junction with A520. Contration between junctions A1101 Mildenhall, Suffolk, closed at Kingsway between Lark Road and Kings ♠ NORTH A579 Warrington, Winwick link road closed. M6 Cumbria, One lane A58 Westhougthon, Greathy Manchestar, Closed southbound on Park Road Way, and between the Chequerbent Roundabout and A19 between Thomaby-on-Tees and Billingham. Cleveland, Major roadworks with two lanes each way and 50mph limit. M1 South Yorkshire. Longterm roadworks with 30mph limit at Junction 47. Delays on M1, M621 and A653. A134 Tyne and Wear, Contration on Felling bypasa, M1 West Yorkshire, nctions 43 to 42 Stourton to Lofthouse junction. Contraflow and 50mph limit. M62 West Yorkshire. Contraflow and 50mph limit, junctions 28 to 29. · WALES A484 Carmarthenshire, Major roadworks on Francis Well in Tenerdy. A449 Monmouthsire, Long delays between Usk junction and the M4 junction 24 at Newport, A472 Toriaen, Contrallow at Pontypool. A485 Camerihenshire

Temporary lights at Duar Villa.

M9 Edinburgh, Long-term roadworks and restrictions on

Newbridge roundabout. A720 Ediburgh city bypass

Lothianburn and Dreghom

On and off-ramps at Dreghorn

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It's more moving house than camping: Nick Nuttall goes gadget-crazy in the luxurious Compass Drifter

# Motorhome with a detached feel

and a half, or Freddie, quarters, on climbing aboard the Compass Drifter.

Neither my son nor I have ever had an abiding interest in domestic appliances, but here two generations of Nuttall males were united in a quite bizarre scene of domestic bliss poring over the fridge, press ing the sink's power pump and checking out the accommoda tion of the motorhome.

"Look daddy, I can sleep up here," said Freddie, pointing to a double sleeping bay above the cab which, like a bunk bed or ship's cabin, was reached by clambering up a ladder. His enthusiasm for our home"

at the back behind a little door. "Daddy there's toilet and it has a shower too," an aston-ished son cooed. And, for plied the lanes of Hereford shire in the vehicle, it seemed my son and his two-and-a-half year old sister, Tara, had been

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incontained at the sight of the

smitten with tummy bugs. Every second they were not clambering up to the bed-room, they were diving into the loo from where it took ever increasing amounts of sweet ies to prise them out.

the appeal motorhome is not hard to appreciate. eryone and, with all the modcons of a four-star hotel, you and the family can pop off anytime but without the fear of a giant bill looming for even the most modest guest house bed-and-breakfast stay.

Freddie might have also put his finger on it by calling it a boat on wheels. There is certainly a nautical feel with bunk beds and galley-style

In truth this was not the first one I had ever encountered having many more years in the past than I care to remember, driven across Colorado in a Winnebago. But this was the first time in Britain along

You are almost forced into a leisurely pace, not just by the congestion but by the fact that travelling at speed round tight bends can engender a sense of nausea akin to seasickness for anyone travelling in the rear of

the motorhome.
That said, the vehicle offered a pleasant refuge in an interminable traffic jam in Cheltenham where, cocking a snook at fellow motorists tumbling towards road rage, we simply pulled on to the side of the road and put the kettle on for a

brew-up. According to the Motor Caravan Information Service in Haywards Heath, west Sussex, there are more than 100,000 motorhomes or motor caravans in Britain, with steady sales since the mid-1970s of between 3,000 to 4,000

The Compass Drifter, built around the chassis of a Peugeot Boxer van, is towards the top end of the market and shows how, since the days of the old campers, like the trusty Volkswagens and Dormobiles, design and technology

have come on apace. The interior of the Drifter 360E, which is a mixture of softwoods, carpets and plush well-upholstered seats, also has television points and heaters that can be powered by onboard gas cylinders, mains electric or onboard batteries. A four-ring gas cooker big enough to hold a family roast. and an electronic ignition fridge, powered by either gas or electric, are also installed.



Then there are other touches, like blinds on doubleglazed windows, cocktail cabinets, a wardrobe and of course that endlessly fascinating pump-action, loo-cum-

The vehicle slept five people but can carry up to 12, which means it they can be handy for friends and family trekking off for day trips to the seaside or

Paul Carter, editor of Motor Caravan Magazine, says there remain some buyers of motorhomes who shun all the high-technology gadgets. But most people now demand

Modern motorhome technology is a world away from the conditions of years gone by these comforts so that they can head off for half the year rather than merely use the vehicle for the summer.

"A lot of people just take off for, say, Spain and spend November to March there in their motor caravan. There is little doubt that they are now versatile," he says.

An increasing number of young people are now buying motorhomes, but the market remains dominated by the middle-aged affluents and the retired - probably because of the price. The 2-litre petrolpowered vehicle I drove costs

Carter says a large slice of the market comprises former caravan enthusiasts who, perhaps for health reasons or because they no longer want the hassle of lifting a caravan on to towing equipment, trade

up to a motorhome. They may also sell the family car and use the motorhome as their sole vehicle for daily use as well as for going off on holiday.

Some companies are now turning small Japanese vans into motorhomes for around £10,000 ... but they are small affairs, nothing like our majestic home on wheels.

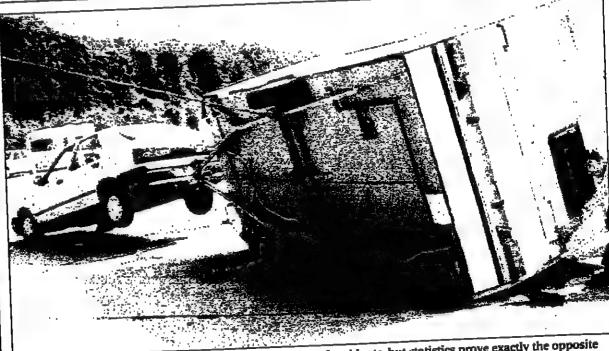
# TOURING DON'TS

■ DON'T (GNORE FOLLOWING traffic, so invest in some behind the kitchen sink.

particularly when there are crosswinds, which could do a good

■ DON'T FORGET TO ENSURE the towing hitch is properly connected, or you could have a face as red as the caravanner who reached the Calais ferry check-in, presented his tickets to be asked: "Allo, monsieur, but where is your caravan?" Answer about a hundred miles back down the road. He torgot it.

HAND DON'T HANTSM your momer-in-raw to the caravan when her toffee-chewing and constant blether gets on your nerves. She probably constitutes a heavy weight and therefore could not be sensibly stowed in the trailer. Sorry, but you will have to put up with



Caravanners might be thought to get involved in lots of accidents, but statistics prove exactly the opposite attitude comes from last

published next month. Re-

searchers were surprised to

discover what a tiny percent-

age of accidents involve cara-

ritish motorists are Blearning how to love the caravan. Road rage from solo drivers traditionally conditioned to regard mobile homes as itinerant roadblocks - is on the wane.

So much so that vanning enthusiasts would welcome a chance to meet the man who founded the Anti-Caravan Club five years ago.

"Where are you now?" they are asking of John Williams, who got stuck behind a broken-down caravan in the spring of 1992 and launched a campaign dedicated to keeping vans off the road from dawn to dusk.

Hundreds of motorists rushed to join his club. Unfortunately for them, tens of thousands more joined the Camping and Caravanning Club (founded 1901, patron Prince Phillip).

Bob Stanton, the club's caravans. spokesman, says: "Since Mr Williams formed his club. our membership has shot up Adid not show up in by 30 per cent to 280,000 and accident statistics as a signifwe haven't heard much from icant factor - which appears him lately. Perhaps he has to be vastly different from become discouraged by the what was expected. Anecfact that the motorists' perdotally you always hear ceived view of caravans is no people complaining about longer blindly antagonistic. caravans getting in the way At long last, drivers are and making motorists take becoming more understandrisks when overtaking. That ing, starting to get more did not come back in the study and the whole report is tolerant."

Stanton and his club can take much of the credit for this - running an enlightened damage limitation education programme. CAR 97 can bring him

relationship more good news from a roads to drive on. survey of road accidents in Cambridgeshire, due to be

beautiful new

There are about 300 accidents involving injury a year where one of the vehicles involved is towing a caravan. There are about 300,000 cars a year involved in road vans or were blamed on accidents where someone is injured. There are more than 22 million cars on the road n AA spokesman and half a million caravans says: "The caravan which means there is one car

to 50-odd caravans." Bob Stanton was delighted when CAR 97 told him what the survey is going to report, and pointed to the £40 one-day courses organised by the club. Biggest nightmare for drivers is how to reverse with a caravan. The club's course doesn't just teach you how to back into a simple space, it makes you practice doing weaving in and out of a slalom of traffic

An illustration of the new

weekend's mammoth traffic jam that the Sunday newspapers reported stretched 45 miles from Gloucester to Exeter on the M5. A bit of an exaggeration, said Devon and Comwall police, but that Camping and Caravan Club runs driving courses the AA reported frayed tempers and frequent shunting The berth of a accidents.

But nobody blamed caravans. A police patrolman reports: "Caravaris caused no problem at all. We welcome them for bringing tourists into the area. We put on roadshows for them and we will be at Earls Court this year promoting caravan

e adds, "The West Country probably has more caravans than any other English tourist area and the police here are in the front line of the campaign to accommodate them. Caravans are traffic. Our job is to police traffic and this particular time of year allows us to focus on caravanners. We want to generate a climate of respect and trust, and we have no reason to say that caravans are anything other than welcome here."

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Caravan manoeuvring courses: Bradford and Peebles on October 11 and 12 Contact Bob Stanton, Greenfields House, Westwood Way, Coventry, CV48HJ. Tel 01203 694995, Fax 01203 694886.

# TOURING DOS

ECHECK YOUR TYRES. Caravans parked for weeks should have their wheels removed and be left on blocks — but that rarely happens. Tyres develop a flat spot, resulting in early tread wear. Check treads and inflate tyres properly—and those of the towing car, which could need an extra 4psi in the rear, according to the National Tyre Distributors' Association. ENSURE THE CAR is up to the job. Underpowered minis

cannot be expected to pull caravans the size of Buckingham Palace. Ensure, too, that the car has been serviced and checked. ECHECK SHOCK ABSORBERS. Monroe, the shock absorber manufacturer, says the weight of passengers and luggage can play havoc with the stability of the car-caravan package. The rearward weight forces the joint between the two down, leading to loss of traction in front-wheel cars or "snaking" when the car and van wander around the road. Monroe offers Ride-Leveller shock

absorbers which can be inflated to cope with the extra loads. SECURE YOUR CARAVAN. A wide range of equipment, from special locks to electronic tags is available, so that you can ensure you stay connected with your travelling possession.

■ CONSIDER A STABILISER to prevent the caravan rolling over. The sight of a van on its side yet still connected to the car is all too familiar. Try Trapezium Developments (01737 832 187). But never substitute a stabiliser for basic stability of car and van.

GET BREAKDOWN COVER. Even if you can make a cup of tea on the hard shoulder of the M6 to pass the time, the kids won't want to spend the entire holiday there.

extended rearward mirrors (which must not project more than 200mm outside the width of the caravan when towed, or the width of the car when solo). No wonder drivers get vexed when they are trailing a caravanner oblivious to everything going on somewhere

■ DON'T BRING THE HOUSE along with you on holiday. Piling the pans, cuttery and everything but the kitchen sink to one corner of the caravan is packing for disaster, instead, put heavy items over the axle, spreading medium-heavy items out towards the corners on the floor. Lighter items can go up into the cupboards, out of the west.

■ GET OVER-CONFIDENT at your peril. Remember the maximum motorway speed is 60mph, 50mph on single carriageways. Always reduce speed going downhill and carriageways. deal more than blow you off course for a happy holiday.

M AND DON'T BANISH your mother-in-law to the caravan when her for the duration.

very kind to caravans.
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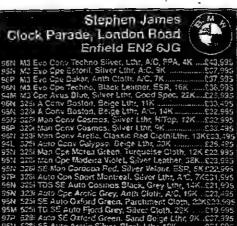
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# Purley bathtime creates shock for prize BMW cruiser

A retired London solicitor's

inspiration led to a radical new bike design, says

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ur prize BMW RI200 C cruiser motorcycle boasts an eclectic range of design inspirations, but none is stranger than a bathtub in the south London

suburb of Purley.

A good soak and a rubber duck have been renowned since Archimedes' time for their capacity to prompt creative thought, and it was amid the soap and the steam that solicitor Hugh Nicol hit on the idea that was to become a design highlight on the new BMW Cruis-er: its innovative — and highly effective — Telelever front suspen-

Thus Britain is responsible for the thinking behind this smart piece of German engineering, which succeeds in separating the braking and shock-absorbing func-tions of conventional systems, thereby banishing the usual problem of front-end dive under hard stopping, which can throw a bike in the middle of a corner.

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ing," says Mark, who works in

London.
Originally aimed at solici-

tors and barristers, it now accepts any breed of well-to-do

biker. "We'll let any old riffraff in now; bankers, doctors,

accountants, surgeons," says Mark. "It's not a cheap pastime. It is very easy to spend

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But the bathtub was not the only unlikely player in Nicol's break-- the other was his son's Japanese moped, Nichol, an invererate dabbler in things mechanical, realised the need for a new frontend design for motorcycles when he took his son's new 50cc runabout or a test-drive.

"I thought it was dreadful," he recalls. "The conventional forks were horribly flimsy and I was alarmed to see them bend when I hit the brakes. The little bike also

understeered badly going around corners and I thought I might end up having an accident if I went any

Then followed a long period of hard thinking, mostly while commuting by rail betweeen Purley and Nicol's workplace at Taylor Woodrow, For ages I thought about basing the solution on the wishbone suspension used on cars, but in the end, the solution was so obvious I could not see it. I was sitting in the bath when it came to

BMW he got idea, above me - I had to ask my wife to bring

Hugh Nicol with the

in a pencil and paper." While Archimedes' original bathtime cureka revealed that a body's weight immersed in water equalled the weight of the displaced liquid. Nicol's was rather more complex. It combined conventional-looking telescopic forks with an arm that links the fork bridge to the frame. forces away from the shock absorbers, and transmits them instead

Nicol then sat at that other mainstay of scientific progress -the kitchen table - and set to work. Perhaps others had had the idea before but saw the technical drawbacks and thought them insuperable. I thought I would give it a go, however, and did some sketches and some preliminary work with a compass," he says. "My calculations showed that there would be some variation of fork angle on

would only be mild." Nicol thought that his proposed system would be best applied to lightweight motorcycles, and wrote to several major motorcycle builders describing the idea: none of the Japanese companies bothered to

braking, and there were other possibly adverse effects, but they

reply, and Harley-Davidson said its customers were perfectly happy with the traditional design.

BMW asked to see the details, but all did not go well, however. "They said, 'It's a lovely idea, but it won't work because the changes the front suspension underwent in operation would be too violent."

The concept did not die there, however, and British racing enthusiasts Phil Todd and Nigel Hill built an identical idea on to their Motodd Laverda. Motorcycle journalists pronounced it a success, so Nicol sent BMW a copy of the reports. The company's engineers reconsidered the design, then put in some serious work modifying and developing it using computer simubolted easily on to the front of their

The timing was a happy coincidence: the German company had been searching for a replacement for its conventional front-fork design, which was proving less and less able to cope with modern engine power and tyre technology.

he new system was fitted on to BMW's R1100 RS, the first of the new generation of completely new boxers, as part of a revamp that also featured a new engine and rear swinging arm.

Nicol, now 65 and retired, is shy about his financial arrangement with the Bavarian manufacturer, but extremely proud to show off the R1100 RS it presented to him, It was the second off the production line to be delivered - the first went to King Hussein of Jordan on the same day. However, says Nicol, the king was not presented his until his evening birthday party, "So I got mine on the road first."

The system has now become a staple of boxers, but it is usually nicked away from view. For the Cruiser, BMW is showing it off as a proudly polished detail - an icon of larward-thinking Teutonic design. So far. Nicol reports, he has not been beset by German bikers demanding to turn his bath into a shrine. But perhaps, now BMW is being so upfront about what its got up front, that could change.

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# Helen Mound meets the low-flying legal eagles who leave their midlife crises in a cloud of burnt rubber



Motor Cycle and Car Folly members spend weekends tearing around tracks on flash bikes like Ducatis and Bimotas costing up to £20,000. Women may be banned from the club after a recent accident

# Rich men blow their wigs off

first major collision in six Mark thinks for a while, to years and now Martin thinks formulate a suitably legalistic and objective answer: "We we should ban them."

Weekend events can involve taking over a racetrack and a hotel ... and generally having a jolly good time. Mark explains: "It's a social thing. We hire Brands Hatch or another circuit like Donington or Oulton Park. That costs about E15,000. We all meet for dinner the night before, stay in a hotel, and the next day we thrash round the track."

Numbers are restricted by track regulations and can vary from 20 at Goodwood to 60 at Brands Hatch:

The top three superbikes favoured by Folly members and the new biking gentility are the £8.000 Suzuki TL1000S, the £10,000 Triumph T595 (with a claimed top

speed of 160mph and 0 to 60mph in three seconds) and the £13,000 Ducati 916 (currently enjoying high demand in Hollywood). Other popular marques with enthusiasts include BMW and Moto Guzzi. Mark's collection is more eclectic, including two Ducati-

powered Bimota sportsbikes and a Ducati 900 Isle of Man TT replica. "I got my first bike much against my father's wishes but I said, 'Dad, I'm 40 years old and I think it's time I made my own decisions. That was a Honda 125, then I moved on to

the much more powerful Ducati." Martin had a more traditional introduction to biking. Like many of the breed of reborn bikers, he started when he was a teenager before the

pressures of adulthood and a motorcycle ownership is showfamily forced him to opt for a car. Now in his 50s with a wife and four children, he has returned to bikes for a bit of fun, a way of rekindling a little of the lost excitement of youth. His current two-wheeled beast is a Honda RC30.

sk Mark what he'd recommend to a middle-aged professional who wants a superbike and he suggests a Honda Fireblade: "it's a fabulous bike. Reliable, fast, stunning-looking." This is not a surprising choice, given Honda claims that 10 per cent of customers for its 900cc Fireblade are aged over 50.

In spite of the Folly members' gung-ho enthusiasm,

some of the growing trend for

ing in the accident as well as the sales figures. The Department of Transport claims that deaths among 30 to 50-yearold bikers have risen by more than half in the past decade. But dealers claim that mo-

torbike sales to the under-30s have dropped just as dramatically because of rising insurance costs.

Mark is quick to point out that his hobby is a relatively safe one: "We've only ever had one injury in six years at the racetracks and that was when an orthopaedic surgeon fell off and broke his thumb. Luckily his qualifications meant he could tell the ambulance crew exactly what needed doing."

The Motor Cycle and Car Folly: 0118 988 7242.

### MOTORBIKE NEWS IN BRIEF

# Peak-time for thieves

## THEFT is costing motorcycle dealers £90 extra precuations to ensure their machines million a year in lost spares trading. stay where they were parked. Criminals are stealing bikes and scooters to strip them and sell the components as spares at a huge profit. This is the peak time of year for crime, when bike theft can jump by as

Even though bikers are now spending £10 million a year on security equipment, the

stay where they were parked. Equipment sold under the Sold Secure scheme has the industry's approval on quality of manufacture and effectiveness. and can bring the bonus of a reduction in insurance premiums. The scheme's highest standard, Attack 5, brings the best reductions, which could be worth a saving of 125 motorcycle industry is warning them to take per cent on an £800 insurance premium.

# Premium's 24-hour line

■ A 24-HOUR insurance service for bikers has been launched by Premium Search. The telephone lines are not only open for emergencies but also to provide quotes for bikers wanting to discover whether they can find cheaper rates. The company acted after receiving 300 calls a week from bikers

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#### ■ BORN-AGAIN bikers are being warned to seek training before returning to two wheels. The Motorcycle Rider

Training Association says weekend bikers could be surprised by the power of their machines. More than 223,000 motorcycles sold last year were 500cc or over. Kevin Kelly, the association's director, says: "Mature bikers, after being trapped in their company cars all week, might not possess skills to get the most out of their

powerful machines." MRTA: 0171-307 3409.

# Show time at the NEC

FOR A LOOK at the latest in motorcycle and scooter fashions, the International Motor Cycle Show opens from November 7 to 16 at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham. First day is preview day, with admission prices at £25, while tickets for the rest of the show are £12 for adults and £5 for adults a children aged 11 to 16 and pensioners. Advance bookings bring a £2 reduction in adult ticket prices.

Ah, so refreshingly and wholly politically incorrect - but not without logic in this slightly eccentric company of bikers. Co-founder Martin recently suffered a collision with "a severely out-of-control lady rider", says Mark. "It was our AUTOLEASE IREP GRAND CHEROKEE 4.0 LIMITED - BLACK 1997 - 6,000 Miles

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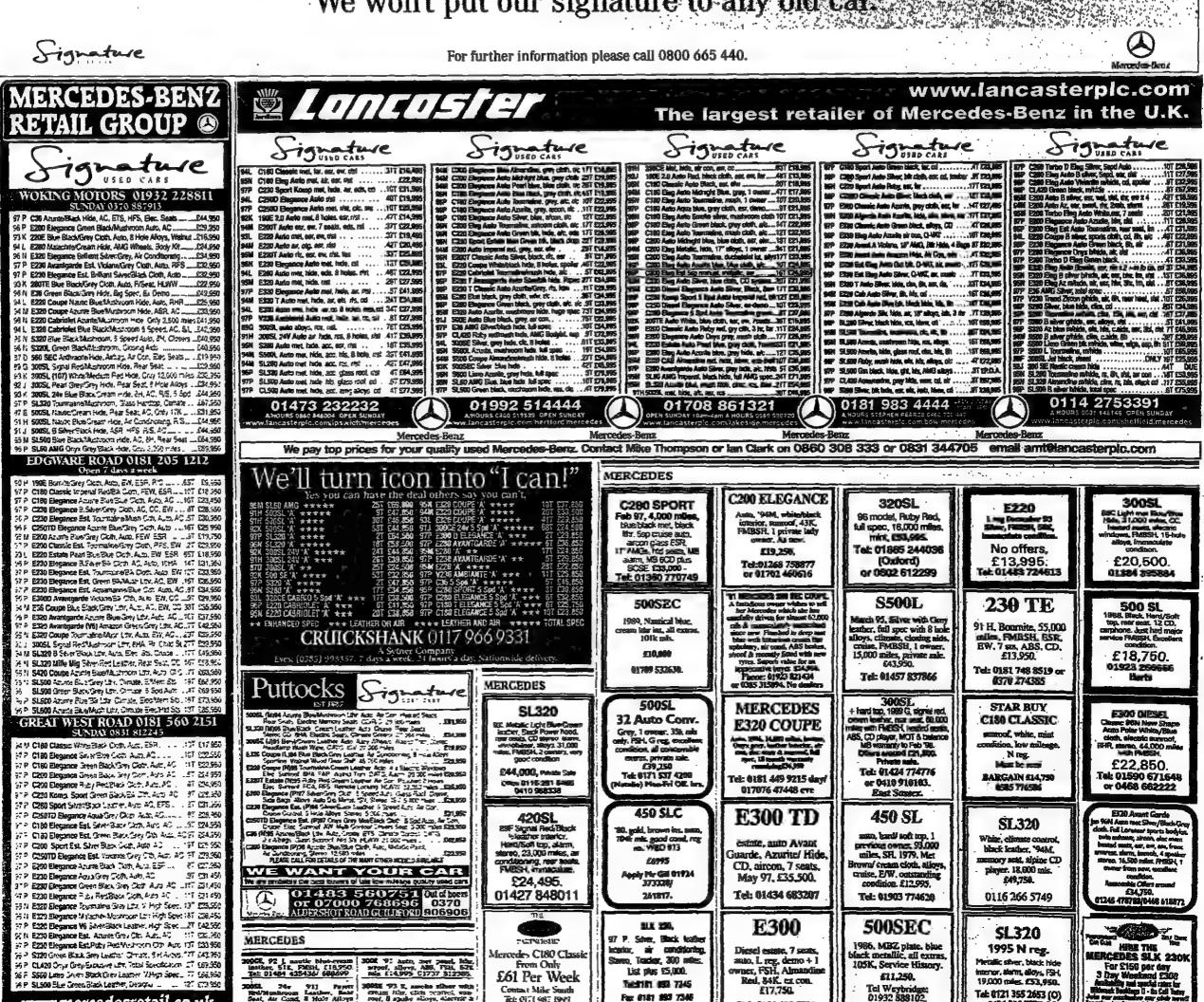
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# Chrysler heralds a small American **1nvasion**

or many years, most American cars have been regarded as oversized, overstyled and over there - the best place for them. But things are changing: Chrysler has plans.

its Jeep range has established a substantial position in the UK 4x4 market, its conservative Neon has been successful with company buyers, and recently its Voyager MPV went on sale here, offering plenty of mobile real-estate. And there is the VIO Chrysler Viper. At over £60,000 for the basic model, it may not have become the most common sight on the block but its image has done wonders for. the Chrysler marque in

Now there are signs that canny Chrysler is considering bringing more of its wares to the UK. It will not be an invasion, but a reconnaissance in force. The major element of this may come in 2001, with a new version of the current mid-size Stratus, although before that, Chrysler will have the opportunity to bring a big luxury saloon here which is due to be unveiled at next January's Detroit show.

In recent years, Chrysler has hauled itself back from the financial abyss to become successful once more. Richard Mackay, managing director of Chrysler Jeep UK, believes there is a clear trend towards increased American car sales

We sell successfully to different, so if we do bring in the new Stratus, that will present added opportunity."

However, Mackay says there is one problem about bringing Chrysler's US-mar-ket products to the UK: their headlamps. If the company

Stuart Birch

asks if the New Yorker and

Stratus can cut it in the UK's tough market

designs alternative, right-hand-drive headlights, it would be a big step towards importing more models. That may seem a minor technology hurdle but Mackay says it is a major element of type approval - the official go-ahead for a car to go on sale in Britain.

But with American cars becoming increasingly accept internationally, there seems little doubt that more will go on sale here. I tried two Chryslers: the big, luxurious New Yorker and the smaller, but very attractive Stratus Cabriolet LX.

The New Yorker is exported mainly to continental Europe. but is available on special order in Britain for about E33,500. Its 3.5-litre 24-valve Vo engine produces 211bhp and has a nice growl, giving a top speed the high side of 125mph and 0-60mph in about ten seconds.

Handling is competent if not

exactly sporty, the ride smooth out not soggy, and the car has brakes. Equipment is lavisb "At more than 17ft long, the handsome New Yorker is a big car. The new 300M is likely to be slightly smaller.

More appropriate for UK roads is the Stratus. It is a pity the current model is not available with right-hand drive





Richard Mackay, Chrysler's head of Jeep imports, sees increased American

because it is a fine car in cabriolet form - and a genuine four seater. Mackay expects that if it were sold here it would probably cost about £24,000: "Maybe it would have been up against the Audi Cabriolet and BMW 3-series

convertible but with its interior space, overall length, dis-tinctive looks and full equipment - power hood, air conditioning, leather upholstery - it could have been in a class of its own."

I found it a delight to drive

on hot and sunny August days. The big power roof folds quickly after the release of two catches and has a smart cover when lowered. With the windows raised there is little buffering at 70mph and the car proved quiet and relaxing.

its 160mph, 2.5-litre V6 engine is smooth with plenty of torque, and allied to a fourspeed automatic gearbox gets the car to ounph in about Il seconds. The transmission also has a clutchless "manual mode" called Autostick, similar to the Tiptronic system used by Porsche and Audi,

and is superbly easy to use. The Stratus's ride is good. It is no sportscar but handling is surprisingly sharp and nimble. Body stiffness is acceptable, but a shade flexible over

poorly surfaced roads.

Although there is plenty of room for four people, boot space is absurdly limited. Nor Chrysler's quality in the Audi/BMW class — the doors Overall, I thought the good-

looking Stratus Cabriolet showed great promise. If the new version (there will be a saloon, too) is even better. Chrysler's designers should give very careful consideration to making it UK compatible.

# AA cuts out the horrible haggle

Britain's biggest motor-ing organisation is tak-ing on car dealers in order to save its members having to haggle over prices a process many buyers hate. writes Rupert Saunders.

From this week, AA mem-bers will be able to select and order a new car by telephone without ever visiting a showroom or facing a salesman on the lookout for a quick commission.

The scheme, called AA Freeway, is linked to a low-rate finance package operated by NWS Bank, a subsidiary of the Bank of Scotland. Car buyers have to take out a plan similar to Ford Options. Vauxhall Choices or Rover Select, which ties them into a low-cost, three-year loan with an option to buy or trade the car in at the end of the term.

Interest rates on Freeway are among the lowest on the market, around 9.8 per cent APR against an average 13 to l4 per cent, but cars are bought at list price. It might still be cheaper to buy from a dealer if you are prepared to haggle and can secure a

it is also possible to part exchange your existing car using Freeway. Sales advisors will give you a valuation over the telephone, subject to an inspection, at the time your new car is delivered.

The move into new car sales comes six months after AA Motor Finance launched a discount scheme for members on used cars. Holders of the AA credit card are able to redeem points against the price of ex-company cars ordered from Cowie Interleasing. The points are worth £5 for every £100 spent on the card, up to a maximum of E1.000.

AA Motor Finance is also set to cut its hire-purchase rates to 9.9 per cent APR on loans of more an £10,000 to members, making it the cheapest in the market. High street car dealers typically charge between 13 and 18 per cent for hire purchase with higher rates for used cars.

Rebecca Hadley, AA Motor Finance's spokeswoman, says: "Some members will still want to see and touch the cars."

BAD NEWS Is that the V6, though

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## FORECOURT

AUCTION houses and dealers have traditionally been the main suppliers for second-hand car buyers, who outnumber customers for new models by more than three to one. Now new technology is emerging to shake up the ageold methods of buying used CATS, SEVS CAP Black Book.

Andrew Wilkinson at CAP says: "Not so long ago the ion's share of trade was done at auctions where real people turned up to bid real money for real cars they could look at, sit in and feel.

"Now computer sales systems and electronic auctions are on the march, increasingly sophisticated fax and modem links allow manufacturers to offer dealers ex-management cars via 'virtual' showroom facilities, and lease companies can also now offer their cars via fax links."

One development, says Wilkinson, involves 'virtual' auctions at which dealers can browse, from the comfort of their own showroom, a list of



nearly-new cars detailed on their computer screens, and bid for them. While this works well for six-month-old cars with fewer than 10,000 miles on the clock, motorists looking for older cars and who like to kick tyres on the forecourt will be able to do so for quite a few

Wilkinson adds: Trading older, higher mileage cars is a sector which many are convinced will always benefit from a 'hands-on' approach. where the buyer gets a first-hand look at the vehicle before writing out the cheque. Dealers who are able to make money trading via fax, modern and the Internet, will do so.

"Those who prefer 'real' auctions will go to them, and the versatile few will do both. The likelihood is that the new ways will flourish side by side with the old."

# Neon: flash as standard

Alan Copps on a model that takes other makers' optional extras for granted

### **ROAD TEST**

he first thing to establish about the Chrysler Neon is what sort of car is it? It looks and feels, in terms of space at least, like a rival for cars like the Mondeo, Vectra and Peugeot 406. Yet in price it's more comparable to an Escort or an Astra.

In fact it falls between the two classes of car and sells on its price and American levels. of standard equipment. As a way of bringing the Chrysler name back to the European saloon scene it has been a success, but as a driving experience it still falls short of the best European offerings. It's one of those cars that

will prove mightily attractive to the buyer who wants something a bit different to the norm. Its looks are not the most graceful on the road but they are distinctive, and the LX model, particularly, comes with an impressive list of equipment known as the "four A's": airbags for driver and passenger, anti-lock brakes, air-conditioning and automatic transmission for no extra

For £13,795, all this standard equipment has had an impact on the market since it first arrived here last year, forcing other manufacturers to rethink their offerings and Chrysler deserves credit

for that. After all, air-conditioning is rapidly becoming a musthave for the motorist who wants his new car to retain a decent resale value, and anti-



Chrysler's Neon will prove attractive to buyers who want something a bit different

lock brakes are such a compelling safety feature and so common now that I am constantly surprised at the number of manufacturers who quote them as an option rather than as standard equipment

But perhaps, in the middle of a sweltering August at least, the most notable of these two extras is the air-conditioning. You can tell it is an American unit bécause it is instantly effective and very simply controlled. With global warming

Price: £13,795 on the road.

automatic at no extra cost.

average overall, 33.2mpg

digital stereo radio and cassette.

131bhp at 5,850rpm.

---- CHRYSLER NEON LX

Engine: Four-cylinder, 16-valve 2-litre producing

Transmission: Five-speed manual or three-speed

Economy: (auto only: figures from manufacturer)

Equipment: Twin airbags, anti-lock brakes, air-

urban, 24.1 miles to the gallon; out of town, 42.8mpg;

conditioning, power steering, electric front windows,

adjustable and folding mirrors, remote central locking,

0-60mph in 8.8 seconds; top speed 121mph.

Performance: (figures for model with automatic box)

apparently gathering pace, any driver who has experienced the joys of an airconditioned car would be reluctant to get back into one without. But there is a downside, and one particularly hot day with the unit working full blast, the combined effects of air-conditioning and automatic transmission reduced the range of its nine-gallon tank to barely 200 miles.

Nevertheless it was a comfortable 200 miles. The automatic is a steady and

mixed bag of motorway and A-roads without a hiccup. The car's interior is simply but practically finished and a tiltadjustable steering wheel makes it easy to find a relaxed driving position. It boasts a useful amount of boot space. Chrysler has also paid a lot of attention to safety and

engine with 131bhp handled a

security. The way the car automatically immobilises itself if left unattended for more than 45 seconds may niggle at first, but once the simple routine of pressing the "unlock" key before turning the ignition becomes a habit. it's a minor price to pay for security from theft. Where the car doesn't

match its larger rivals is in handling and refinement. Compared to a Peugeot 406 it simply can't boast the same agility and driving pleasure. Compared to the calm whire of a Mondeo, the engine is busy and noisy, and compared to either the ride is not of the same order. But compare it on grounds of cost to the smaller rivals and it is an impressively safe and spacious package.

### SPARE PARTS

ONE in three used cars has a hidden history, according to HPI Equifax, the vehicle information company. It checked 1.5 million vehicles from March to June to discover thousands that could have been stolen, were shoddily repaired wrecks, or the subject of outstanding finance. As many as 100 stolen vehicles are sold daily, says HPI, and these could be taken from the new owner if traced by police. An HPI check before buying — telephone 01722-422422 costs £28.50

MERCEDES has launched a used-car scheme that ensures a check on all components and service history. includes a minimum year's warranty, a year's roadside assistance plus a mileage and history check. FORD prices are up 1.2 per

cent as the company switches to advertising on-the-road prices. But the nation's biggest car retailer is not changing sticker prices on the Ka. Fiesta and Escort Focus models, new Puma coupé, pre-August Mondeos and the Mondeo Focus, Probe or Explorer. A three-door Fiesta 1.25LX is now \$140 more expensive at EIO.085, a five-door Mondeo LSLX up £215 at £15,090 and the Scorpio Ultima at £24,665, up £300. Ford drivers can book Extra Cover. extending warranty by up to two years. Extra Cover now gets accident

assistance with RAC cover. ■ NISSAN'S Almera range gets a new cut-price model, the Muzic, which is in showrooms at £9,995 on the road. A threedoor hatchback, the car has a 1.4-litre engine, electric door mirrors and stereo with remote controls. Warranty is three years or 60,000 miles, plus a year's RAC cover.

LONG awaited and now here is BMW's Z3 roadster. but with the 192bhp straightsix 2.8-litre engine which livens up performance for a 0 to 62mph time of 7.1 seconds and top speed of 135mph. Price is £28,115 — but book now because the waiting list grows ever longer.

# USED CAR BRIEF

The Laguna succeeded the Frenault 21 and was launched as a tive-door hatchback here in 1994. The estate arrived a year later and the extensive engine range includes 1.8, two and 2-litre 16-valve patrol engines as well as 2.2-litre diesel and 3-litre V6 petrol. The front-wheel-dime saloons are a succeeding the patrol of the

s that the Lagura represents a lot of second-hand car for the money largely because so many have flooded onto the used market from company lemand, prices have, as the trade

STRATUS

Price: Not for sale in

Britain though price

would translate at

about £24,000 here,

comparable with a

Audi 1.8 Cabriolet.

Engine: 25-litre,

Performance: 0 to

60mph in about !!

seconds, top speed

Fuel consumption: average is around the

mid-20 to the gallon.

Equipment: Four-

manual shift

alternative, air

wheel anti-lock disc

conditioning, leather

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hood, cruise control.

powered driving seat.

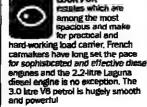
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BMW 1.8 convertible or

smooth and fast (over 130mph top speed) returns fuel consumption figures in the low 20mpg range. The diesel, by contrast, will return better than 40mpg. Badging (RN, RT. RXE) is confusing though RXE is top of the heap of 1.8-fitre Lagunas which are sluggish and have to work hard. Ex-



The Laguna moved on from its Rehault 21 predecessor which was rated average by the Department of Transport alongside the Transport alongside the Toyota Canna and Nissan Primera. The Legune enhances safety with airbags and anti-lock

REPLACEMENT PARTS (Prices supplied by Glassmath 01932 assembly £150; full exhaust £262; catalytic converter £315; front brake pads (axle set) £44; rear damper £55; alternator £234; starter motor £115; radiator £145

55-year-old professional, male or female, living in Winchester with full no claims £146 a year fully comprehensive. A 22-year old male, with one year no claims in south London pays £649, a similar woman £563 Expect to pay £7,300

have benefitted from regular services but beware examples with

excessively high mileages or which have been neglected, leading to worn-out brake discs and soggy

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for a 1994 Lineg 1.8PN. £9,000 for a 1994 M-rng 2.0ffT, £11,000 for a 1995 N-reg 2.0ffT diesel, £10,250 for a 1995 M-reg 2.0fT automatic, £13,750 for a 1996 N-reg 2.0RT estate, £14,500 for a 1995 M-reg 3.0 V6 and £16,500 for a 1995 N-reg 3.0 V6 Baccara

Aimed at the demanding fleet car market means even entry level RN Lagunas enjoy remote central-locking, engine immobiliser, tinted glass and electric front windows. Range-topping V6 3.0 adds air-conditioning, cruise control and compact disc player. A lot of the car for the money as French flair meets

# Is nowhere safe to put baby in the car?

Front airbags and short rear seatbelts pose parents a

dilemma, says Alan Copps

win airbags is one of the current buzzphrases on many manufacturers' specification lists. But it's a safety feature that brings its own problems. The warning was plastered in large letters in the front of the Chrysler Neon I drove recently: Don't use a rear-facing childseat in the front passenger seat because it is fitted with an airbag.

The warning was introduced after American investigations showed that the force of an exploding airbag could smash a childseat against the back of the front seat, killing or injuring its occupant, a risk nut shared by a larger adult occupant who will be held further back in the seat by the belt. It is an increasingly familiar message for anyone buying or renting a modern car but while it may add to safety it also adds to the confusion over the proper use of child seats and seatbelts.

Already a cross-party group of MEPs, led by Alan Donnelly, member for Tyne and Wear, is campaigning for clearer laws on the subject and mandatory standard fittings in all new cars. Their campaign is supported by both the RAC and the FIA, the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile. In the meantime they want a clearer standard warning symbol against using a rear-facing seat when a passenger airbag is fitted. But that is only half the problem.

My wife, Anna, who is not a reckless sort of person, prefers to drive a car without a passenger airbag because she wants to have our five-monthold daughter, Imogen, within her line of view. "I want the



Babies in the back may be safe from exploding airbags, but what if you can't secure their childseats?

baby in the front so that I can see if she starts choking or something else goes wrong. If I'm driving alone with her in a car with an airbag. I'd rather take the risk and put her in the front than have her in the back where I can't get to her so quickly," she says. Most of her friends with small children take a similar view.

But going for a drive together with Imogen in her perfectly standard rear-facing seat, I decided to obey the instruction and put her in the back. No matter how hard I tried the rear seatbelt simply didn't stretch round the seat.

At first I thought I must have been doing something wrong, perhaps the belt was snagged on something, but after careful checking I established beyond doubt it was simply too short. So I asked Chrysler, what should I do?

I was not the first to ask and the response was rapid: I was recommended to a company called Quickfit Safety Belt Services, a London-based specialist, who would replace the webbing with a longer length and relit it with the original littings for £45 plus VAT.

you can't get the car to them they will mail you the webbing for £25 plus VAT and you can then get it fitted locally.
It all sounded straightfor-

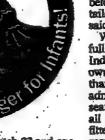
ward until I began asking Bill Quick, managing director of the company, which has been seatbelt specialists since 1962, how many such fittings he sold. "Each week we get at



Reconstruction: 270 children were killed in cars last year

twice as many, but even in the best week we never fit more than a dozen. We have to warn customers with new cars that they should check the terms of their warranty and insurance

tion of the car. The fact is that by replacing the original-fit webbing we are changing the specification. We think that it's only fair to warn people but unfortunately it puts them off



It's a real Catch 22 and one that is by no means restricted to Chrysler. "We have fitted belts to cars of every make and model. Some of those makes who sell hardest on safety are

Under, 3 years

(approx 5ft) or

more tall"

the ones that pose the greatest problem," says.Mr Quick. One of the leading makers of childseats, Klippan, also acknowledges a growing problem as equipment levels get higher. The jury is still out on ssenger airbags, but manufacturers make seatbelts for people rather than babyseats. A lot of them have introduced

safety so there is less for a reel to take up in a crash, that means it doesn't stretch round a childseat. The golden rule with child seats is that you must try them out in the car before buying. Any good re-tailer should let you do this,"

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said a spokeswoman. -With the holiday season in full swing, the Retail Motor Industry Federation issued its own warning last week: more than 50 per cent of parents admit not using childseats or seatbelts, while 70 per cent of all childseats are incorrectly fitted. Only if parents adopt a safety can the toll of child casualties be reduced.

In 1996 270 children were killed and 6,719 injured on Britain's roads. If proper restraints had been used, three out of four deaths and 90 per cent of those injuries could have been avoided. Together with local authorities, the RMI runs Child in Car Care Centres at dealerships throughout the country, offering free advice on selection, fitting and suitability of child seats and

The RMI's spokesman sympathised with mothers who want to maintain eye contact with their children, and recommended that they should consult dealers who would be able to disarm the front airbag or to fit longer seatbelt webbing without any effect on warranty. "Each manufactur-er and each model is going to be different. It's difficult to offer advice across the board,"

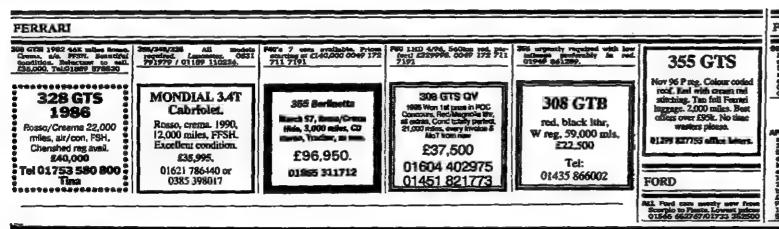
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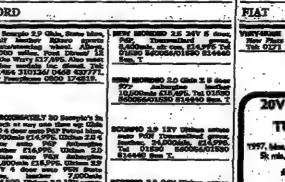
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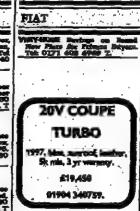
he said. There is one brilliantly dever solution to the whole conundrum: if you buy a Mercedes Benz SLK or CLK you get a 'clever" front seat that sense its load and switches off the airbag if it finds a childseat is in place. But it's a very expensive way round a problem that is common to cars of all makes and prices.

 Information: Quickfit Safety Belt Services, 0181-206 RMI Motorline is on 0345

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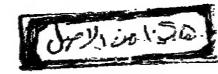
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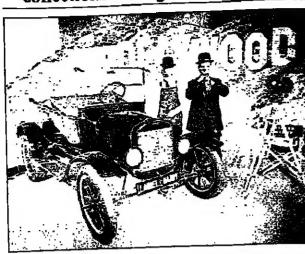


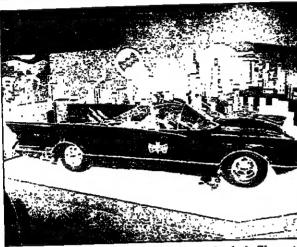


# Cars you'll be glad to see this holiday

Tony Dawe marvels at Britain's wonderful wealth of motoring

collections both great and small





Cars of the Stars has famous vehicles in their film sets

humper bumper, metal wing ostling metal wing: it's a sight to drive road-users to distraction on a Bank Holiday weekend.

But thousands of motoring enthusiasts will be seeking just such an experience over the next few days when they head. not for the traffic jams en route to holiday resorts, but for the scores of museums where historic machines rest side by side in peace. Visiting them has become as much a part of Bank Holiday weekends as the railbacks on the M5 in the West Country.

They can be found in splendid parkland settings from Beaulieu, Hampshire, home of the National Motor Museum, to the Bentley Museum, East Sussex, where the vintage cars take second place to a wildlowl enclosure. They brighten city centres in Birmingham, Coventry, Cardiff and Glasgow.

Many are devoted to the machines themselves, from the simple, uncovered boneshakers of a century ago to the latest electric and gas-powered models. Others, like the unique Cars of the Stars Motor Museum at Keswick in the Lake District and the cluttered Jim Clark Room in Duns. Berwickshire, concen-

who drove them.

finest collections are ideally situated to provide a perfect break on a holiday journey. Returning from the Lake District to London or the South East? Then the Heritage Motor Centre just off the M40 at Gaydon. Warwickshire, promises the cars of the century, the visit of a lifetime". The centre, built

in 1930s Art Deco The style, a period recognised as the most Haynes evocative in automotive design, only comes into view as Motor road. They are taken to the first floor includes a entrance aboard a shuttle train pulled number of by a Land Rover. Inside they will famous find 200 vehicles marking motoring

ing an 1896 Wolselev. the first MG. the first Morris Minor, the first Mini and the last Range Rover Classic, Graham Hill's Rover BRM Le Mans racing car, valued at £2 million, takes pride of place in the exhibition along with the 1957 MG XI record car that Stirling Moss

milestones, includ-

trate on the men and women

Appropriately, some of the

Country. lies the Haynes Motor Museum by John Haynes. the motoring publisher. The huge warehouse does little for the landscape but the wares inside are spectacular, especially in the Red Hall where an aggressive colincluding models from Alvis. AC Cobra. MG and Triumph. flops'

and Phil Hill drove at speeds

At Sparkford, south Somer-

set, just off the A303, the popular route to the West

of up to 250mph.

bright lighting. The museum is run by enthusiasts for enthusiasts. every member of staff having started as a volunteer, and has a homely feel reflected in the collection of familiar Fifties saloons and a number of under-achievers. They include

glints under the

the Ford Probe, which flopped in its attempt to replace the Capri, and one of only two Rover 3-litre Estates which were intended to rival Volvos but never made it into

production. Several motor museums created have grown up in tourist areas, none more spectacularly than Cars of the Stars. developed by Peter Nelson, a Keswick denrist after he was asked to loan his MG TC to Granada Television for Spoils of War series.

"Early in the planning stage, I decided to show off each of the cars in context with its film and television career," he says. "Therefore, each vehicle is displayed in its individual film set with atmospheric lighting and sound playing a key part."

The collection ranges from one of the Model T Fords which featured in so many escapades with Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, through Emma Peel's Lotus Elan from The Avengers and James Bond's Aston Martins to a

Batmobile stationed in front of the Gotham City skyline. Some museums have developed in places which might resemble the home town of

Batman, Robin and The Joker but they are still worth a visit. The Museum of British Road Transport in Coventry contains the largest display of British-manufactured vehicles in the world, boasting a £15 million collection of more than 150 cars, 75 motorcycles and

Visitors find their way into the main display halls through a series of tableaux called "Memory Lanes" which capture the atmosphere of early motoring in 1900, the gran-deur of the saloon cars of the 1930s, and regal vehicles used by Queen Mary and King

George VI. Above a showroom containing classic cars in Leeds Road, Huddersfield, is the Automobilia collection of Brian and Sylvia Coilins, moved from its

old home in Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire, to more spacious surroundings. A splen-did group of Austin 7s line the walls together with prewar Morris and MG models, ancient tricycles and bicycles and much motoring memorabilia.

Men like Haynes, Nelson and Collins have taken up the challenge to preserve our motoring history that was first thrown down by Lord Montagu 45 years ago when he opened his home at Beaulieu to the public and included a small collection of cars. The National Motor Muse-

um, as it has become, now houses more than 250 cars. commercial vehicles and motorcycles which tell the story of motoring from 1895 until today. The museum and its surrounding attractions are spectacular but dozens of much smaller displays around the British Isles will also satisfy a lust for motoring

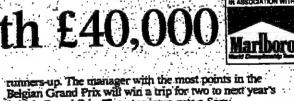


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# TIMES CHOICE OF 20 MUSEUMS TO VISIT IN THE UK

Grampian Transport Museum. Alford, Aberdeenshire, Extensive collection of historic vehicles, climbaboard exhibits for children include vintage road roller, snowplough and driving simulator. Open daily 10am-5pm. Adults £2.75, children £1.25.

2 Doune Motor Museum Doune, Perthshire, Developed from Earl of Moray's collection of cars, including Hispano-Suiza, Bentley, Lagonda and Rolls Royce models, Classic car raily today and tomorrow, Open daily 10am-5pm, Adults £3, children £2.

3 Myreton Motor Museum,
Aberlady, East Lothian. Collection
dating from 1897, including cars,
cycles, motorcycles and World War II
military vehicles and automobilia.
Open daily 10am-5,30pm, Adults £3.00,
children £2.00. 4 Museum of Transport, Kelvin Hall.
Glasgow, Cars from 1930s to modern
times, motorcycles, Glasgow trams
and buses and fire engines. Open

5pm, Monday and Wednesday to Friday 10am-5pm, Free. Newburn Hall Motor Museum, Newburn, Newcastle upon Tyne. Vintage cars and motorcycles from the early 1920s onwards, including some from well-known films, all in period buildings. Open Tuesday to Sunday 10am-6pm and Bank Holiday

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Monday, Adults £3, children £1. Cars of the Stars Motor Museum. Meswick, Cumbria, Collection of cars from famous films including James Bond's Aston Martins and Del Boy's Reliant van. Open daily, 10am-5pm. Adults £3, children £2

7 Lakeland Motor Museum, Holker Hall, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria.
Collection of 150 vehicles plus
Bluebird Exhibition featuring Sir Malcolm and Donald Campbell's world speed record achievements. Open Sunday to Friday. 10.30am-4,45pm. Adults 25.75, children £3.50

Automobilia Transport Museum, The Heritage Centre, Leeds Road. Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. Collection of cars spanning seven decades above a classic car showroom. Open daily, 9am-6pm,



except Sundays 11am-4pm.
Donations welcome, with suggested prices of: adults £2, children £1.

 Lincolnshire Road Transport
 Museum, North Hykeham, Lincoln. Contains 45 vehicles from 1926 Austin 12 to 1970s models and the best collection of prewar Leyland buses. Open Sunday 10am-4pm, Monday to Friday 12noon-4pm, closed Saturdays, Free

10 Betws-Y-Coed Motor Museum. Gwynedd, North Wales, Early 1930s sports cars, all rare or exctic. plus child's racing car and jet engine. Open daily 10am-6pm. Adults £1.30, children 20.80.

Donington Grand Prix Collection.
Castle Donington, Derbyshire. Unique selection of racing cars including some driven by String Moss. Graham Hill and Nigel Mansell. situated alongside race circuit. Open daily 9.30am-5.30pm. Adults £7.

12 Museum of British Road
12 Transport, St Agries Lane, Hales
Street, Coventry, Largest display of
British-made vehicles in the world
reflecting city's status as birthplace of
British motor industry. Coon disks 10cm British motor industry. Open daily 10am-5pm. Adults £3.30, children £2.30.

13 Hantage Motor Centre, Gaydon, Warvickshire, Comprehensive collection of historic and classic British vehicles plus engineering and art gallery and 1930s garage scene. Open daily 10am-6pm. Adults £5.50, children £3.50.

14 Weish Industrial and Maritime Museum, Bute Street, Cardiff, Century of Motoring Exhibition until October, horse-drawn vehicles, buses, cars and motorbikes. Trevithick's 1204 Penydamen locomotive. Open Tuesday to Sunday 10am-5pm and Bank Holiday Monday. Adults £2.25,

15 Automobilia, St Austell, Comwall, Collection of more than 50 vehicles from 1920s to 1960s. Open daily 10am-5pm. Adults £3.00, children £1.50.

16 Haynes Motor Museum.
Sparkford, near Yeovil, Somerset.
Far-reaching collection from a 1900
Clement Vorturette to a Duesenberg and including the Red Hall full of sports cars. Open daily 9.30am-5.30pm. Adults S4.50, children \$2.75.

National Motor Museum, Beauteu, Hampshire, Worldfamous sollection of more than 250 vehicles with the newest displays featuring a 1930s country garage and an interactive gallery for the children. Open daily 10am-6pm. Adults 28.50,

O Ercciviands Museum, Weybridge, Surrey, Features the femous banked track where racing history was made between the wars plus the cars of the period. Open daily 10am-5pm. Adults £6, children £4.

19 Sentley Wildtowl and Motor Museum, Halland, near Lewes. East Sussex, Vintage, veteran and Edwardian vehicles on a country estate with geese, ducks and swans. Open daily 10.30am-5pm. Adults £4.10. children 22.50.

20 Ramsgate Motor Museum. West Cliff Hall, Ramsgate, Kent. Cars from a 1900 Benz to a Sindair C5 pius motorsycles from throughout the century displayed in scenes depicting the past. Open daily 10.30am-5.30pm. Adults, £2.50, children 50p.

# St Petersburg or bust...and most often bust

Russia has never shone particularly brightly in the automotive inframent before the 1917 revolution it only had one notable manufacturer - the Russo-Baltique from the Port of Riga - and has since relied heavily on hand-me-down designs from foreign producers, from Ford to Packard to Fiat However, this month marks the 90th anniversary of the vast country's first proper moon race an epic struggle over the 450 miles of appealing roads link-ing Moscow to St Petersburg

The 26-strong entry list was a curious assurance of giant racing cars medium-sized touring cars and a variety of motorcycles, several of which were of Russian manufacture. which was more than could be said of the 14 four-wheeled contestants, most of which were French-built, apart from two huge Mercedes, a Fiat and a lone 20hp Buick.

Even though the event started at Zam — at that time of the year it was light all night,
- 18 miles outside Moscow. the novelty of the occasion attracted a tremendous crowd. The competitors were sent off at two-minute intervals and had to pass through six controls en route to Tsarskoe. Sebe, 18 miles outside St Petersburg, where the Tsar

had a palace. The first half of the route was comparatively easy, and the larger cars hit high speeds, but the final stages to St Petersburg badly rutted. The winning 60hp De Dietrich of Arthur Duray, which completed the distance in 9hr 22min at an average speed of nearly escaped without



today, 96 cars will set off from Beijing, bound for Paris in a rerun of the 10,000 mile challenge that brought the motor car to world attention in 1907. Among the participants, driving a 1914 Prince Henry Vauxhall, the oldest car competing in the event, will be Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, left, who will be sending in regular progress reports for CAR 97. But the Beijing to Paris event was not

he tells here.

clared: "In the latter part of my trip, I ran over a dog and this took some time to clear."

than the crack Moscow-St Petersburg express train: Once more road has beaten rail," crowed the magazine La Vie Automobile. The second car home, a 30hp CGV driven by Champoiseau, also got through without mechanical problems, though it arrived 2hr 40min after the leader.

Other competitors were not so fortunate: B. Farrich, driving a Brasier, spent six hours repairing his car, while Donnier, in a car of the same make, ended up in a ditch just nine miles out of Moscow, with a badly injured mechanic. A third Brasier, driven by Lichinsky, broke down so frequently that it failed to arrive for several days. Most of the motorcycles



Russian peasant spectators await the race — the event attracted massive interest

broke down, and only one finished without damage. The event had been run in conjunction with the St Petersburg Motor Show, and a sizeable crowd turned out to watch the finish. They were astounded

A vivid picture of the event was painted by Arthur Bray. who rode as mechanic to the English driver, Charles Jarrott, in the 1908 version of the race, which was run in the opposite direction. "Dust! Dust in your eyes, your nose,

your hair. Blinding dust mixed with the stones thrown up by the cars ahead, the stench of hot oil and the smoke belching from their exhausts and the whine of the driving chains in your ears. A straight road ... 450 miles, never end-

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ing, with the hot morning sun in June glaring down on dust alone, and the desolation of that long Russian highway.

No side paths, a few trees clustered in places, and for miles on either side stubble fields on which those trailing dust clouds finally settled."

Their car was a larger ersion of the 1907-winning De Dietrich, a 120hp car that had already set records on the Brooklands track.

It had been fitted with a panoply of suspension aids, though another British racer. H. R. Pope, claimed that the only springs capable of with-standing Russian roads were made by Russian blacksmiths, and had fitted these to his

Recalled Bray: "By lam it was fully light, and all the entrants were on the line. We mingled with great men at the game. At 1.50am we were sent off... Jarrott piled on the speed. At the first control, Tosna, we learnt we had done second fastest time. It certainly

he map said it was a road; a track would have been a better description. It consisted of miles of loose stones, boulders occasionally, and then those wonderful little

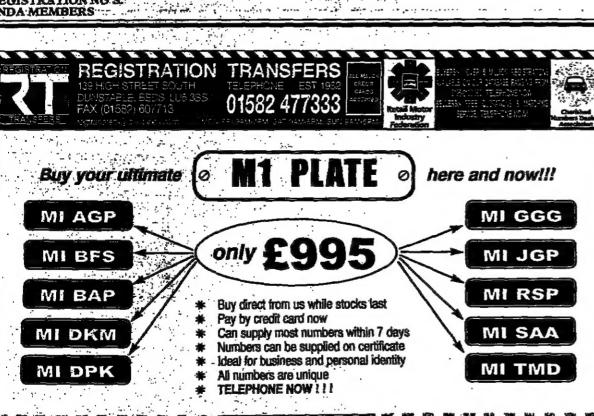
steel bridges at intervals. which at any speed over 40 lifted you right off your seat and dropped you again in a different position." Bray had filled his pockets with mar-bles, which he threw at the crew of a car they wanted to overtake when it slowed down

> Gradually, the terrible roads shook the De Dietrich apart: "We now had only one

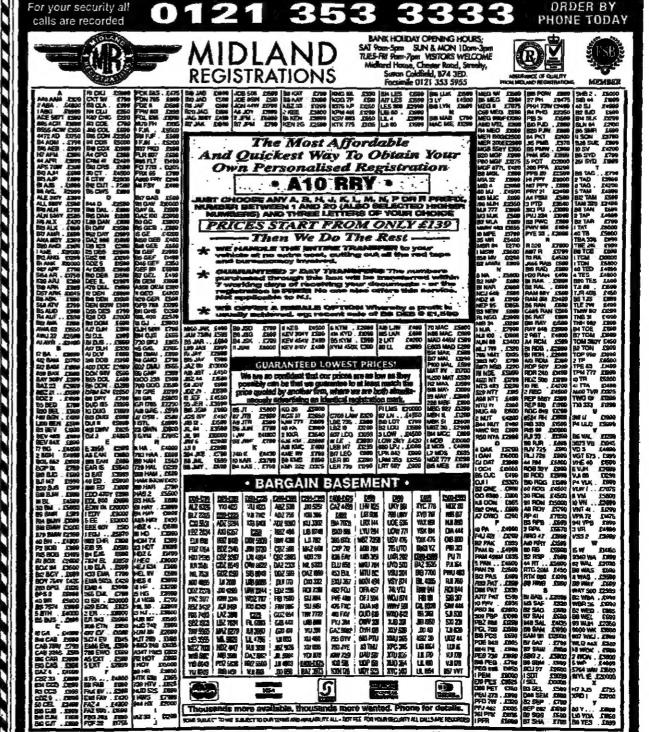
stery had become permanently detached, and now nothing was left but the metal back and the square metal edge of the seat toolbox to sit on."

Finally, at Valdai, about halfway to Moscow, the car and its crew could go no . further. "During the day there slowly trickled into that village other disappointed and broken drivers and mechanics, until, in the station bar on the lonely railway, there was formed the Automobile Club de Valdai, with Charles Jarrott as president."

When Jarrott and Bray decanted from the slow night train in Moscow, they found that Victor Hemery had won the race at an average of over 51mph in a Grand Prix Benz and only ren out of 29 starters had finished that "veritable test to destruction" - including H.R. Pope's Itala with its



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Nissan attempts a coupé de grass

Can a sleek roadburner

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lice a sleek sports coupé horizontally from nose to tail, weld the top half to the chassis of a burly 4x4 offcader and the result would look like something like the Nissan Trailrunner, a crossbred mutt that matches racetrack performance to the mountain-climbing capabili-The thought of going up

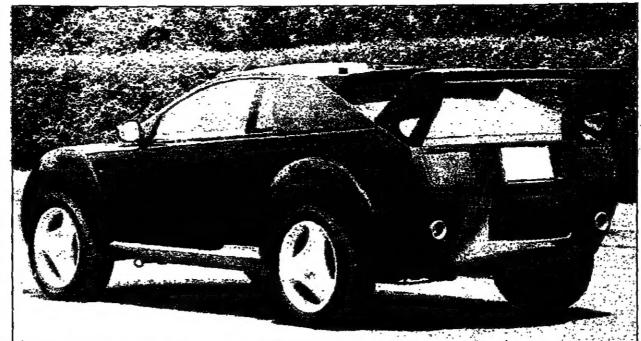
grassy tracks at more than DOmph or around a circuit at 150mph in a car shod with knobbly off-road tyres might seem unattractive, but that has not deterred Nissan from producing a car able to do both. The car was dreamt up at Nissan's Japanese design studios and, while the company says it is only a motorshow concept, executives will no doubt be watching reaction with great interest to see if it exposes a new motoring niche.

Few four-wheel-drive cars need a genuine spoiler at the back, but with a top speed of 150mph rough-terrain capabilities, Nissan clearly believes the spoiler is a necessity on the Trailrunner. The idea for the car, to be

unveiled next month at the Frankfurt motor show, is to mix the thrills of a sports coupe with the adventurous spirit of a true four-wheeldrive. ensure that the

Trailrunner really can punch its weight through mud and gravel, it features good ground clearance, while the wheels are pushed out to the corners - creating short overhangs front and rear which enable it to tackle dips and ditches more

easily.
This is no tractor though.



Slice the top off a coupé, stick it on a 4x4 chassis, add a spoiler and you have the radical Trailrunner concept



Seats fit the body in true sportster fashion, to hold occupants through fast corners

The wheelarches bulge with intent, the rear spoiler keeps the car on the road at high speed, and the interior, far from sharing the often spartan look of some 4x4s, looks more

like a top-range sportster.

The purposeful black and silver of the exterior is relieved by the light and colourful

interior, which mixes dazzling yellow with silver and light grey. The seats are sculpted to fit the body in true sportster fashion, to hold driver and passenger firmly in place through fast corners.

Adrian Atkinson, Nissan's spokesman in Britain, says:

gizmo fitted to it. This is a brand new design, a complete-ly new concept, although the sports utility vehicle (SUV) sector in Japan and in America is very important and this car fits within that market. The idea of the car is to expand the boundaries by combining

### TRAILRUNNER

Engine 2-litre giving

190bhp, dual gearbox (automatic or sixspeed manual) through four-wheel drive. 150mph on road, allterrain capability. Equipment: satellite navigation, front and side airbags, anti-lock brakes with electronic brake assist for maximum stopping. Unique electronic card payment system to speed passage barriers on toll roads

of the future.

vehicle that can climb mountains - so that you can go up them very quickly and come back down even faster. It's great fun, it looks stunning and the interior is very

ergonomic." Technology has been crammed into the car: salety is a primary concern with dual





Dashboard airbags are part of full safety equipment

dashboard airbags for both occupants as well as side airbags with added head protection, anti-lock brakes with brake assist to ensure full braking in an emergency, and a high energy absorbing podywork.

For motorists able to get lost on the M25 as easily as on a cross-country ramble, the Trailrunner keeps itself on track with Birdview, a satellite-linked navigation system that gives 3D screen displays. An emergency call system automatically dials for help in the event of accident.

The spare wheel is slung beneath the car's rear, mounted on a hinged tray. A press of a button on the dashboard and the tray drops down to reveal the spare wheel ready for use. The Trailrunner gives Nissan the chance to show off

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its all-new 2-litre engine for the first time. This uses the variable valve lift and timing system to maximise power, providing 190bhp at 6,000rpm. What makes the car so fast though is its the use of featherweight matekilos, about the same as

Nissan's Almera hatchback. Power is delivered through a variable transmission which works both as a full automatic. but also as a six-speed manual. Maximum grip in all road and weather conditions is ensured with a computer that instantly detects which wheel needs most power delivered to it, so that whether the road surface is dry tarmac, ice or gravel, all four-wheels deliver as much power as possible

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